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A double attempt to escape from the soldiers' internment camp at Mattauchung made yesterday was partially successful, one of the men getting clear away, the second being recaptured.

A plank of wood was laid across the barbed-wire surrounding the camp and the two men started to crawl over it to freedom.

Just as the second man was half-way across, a sentry gave the alarm, and he was caught. The first to cross is still at large.

Cheng Shui-lang, of the 153rd Division, was charged at Kowloon before Mr. Himsworth this morning in connection with the incident and sentenced to one month's imprisonment. He was told he would have to return to the camp when he had completed his sentence.

BRITAIN'S AIR MISSION TO AUSTRALIA

London, To-day.
The British air mission which will sail shortly for Australia will, it is announced, also visit New Zealand at the invitation of the Government of the latter dominion.

It will be the task of the mission to investigate the possibilities of increasing aircraft production in the British Empire.

Sir Kingsley Wood issued a statement yesterday stressing the importance of the despatch of the mission to Australia and New Zealand, which afforded new proof of the unity of the Empire and of the close co-operation between its components in the interest of Imperial defence.—Trans-Ocean.

FLIGHT ACROSS FRONTIER

Paris, To-day.
Several Republican Spanish soldiers crossed the frontier yesterday

Further details have begun to leak out concerning Lord Nuffield's plans for building a plane which will win back the world air speed record for Great Britain.

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JAPANESE HOLDING LARGE CUSTOMS FUNDS

Chungking, To-day.
It is estimated that the Customs revenue detained by the Japanese since the beginning of the Sino-Japanese hostilities in July, 1937 amounts to over \$150,000,000 (Chinese currency).

The major portion of the revenue, detained and deposited by the Japanese in the Yokohama Specie Bank, is in Chinese currency. The remaining portion is in bogus and Japanese currency.

In general, the major part of the Customs revenue collected in Shanghai is in Chinese currency while that in Tientsin is bogus currency.—Central News.

S'HAI CONSULAR COURT

Chungking, To-day.
Mr. C. E. Gauss, Sir Herbert Phillips, and Mr. Miura, American, British and Japanese Consuls-General in Shanghai, have been appointed judges in the Consular Court for 1939, according to a report from Shanghai.—Central News.

in a completely exhausted condition. Numerous wealthy Catalans have arrived by car in France and are at present staying near Perpignan.—Trans-Ocean.

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It is learned that the design is revolutionary.

The plane will be almost wingless and will be little more than a vast aero-engine. In effect a low-winged monoplane, it will be fitted with a single 2,000-h.p. engine, the highest-powered aero-engine ever designed in a single unit.

Plans are being completed in the London office of Mr. Hagg, and actual construction will not start until March.

The attempt on the record is expected to be made in late June or in July.

The present record of 440.67 miles an hour is held by Italy.

GLOUCESTER RESIDENT'S HEAVY LOSS

A serious loss by theft in the street has been reported to the police by Mrs. J. Taylor, residing at the Gloucester Hotel.

A handbag, containing a gold cigarette case, a gold powder compact and money, to the total value of \$870, was stolen from her while shopping in Des Voeux Road Central yesterday.

FRENCH CABINET AGREES ON SPANISH POLICY

Paris, To-day.
It is stated that a complete agreement prevails within the French Cabinet regarding France's attitude towards the Spanish problem.

The expose of the Foreign Minister is understood to have dealt extensively with his conversations with the British Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, on the Anglo-Italian negotiations in Rome.

Authoritative French circles stress once more that Lord Halifax and M. Bonnet were in full agreement especially as regards the Mediterranean problem.—Trans-Ocean.

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Japanese Ambassador Makes Plea For Understanding

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BRITAIN SHOULD CEASE CRITICISM TILL ALL IS OVER

London, To-day.

Mr. Mamoru Shigemitsu, Japanese Ambassador in London, in a witty speech at the Dinner of the Japan Society in London last evening, emphasised his firm belief in open diplomacy.

He regretted that so many of the publicists writing about Japanese affairs could neither speak nor read Japanese.

"This want of understanding naturally leads to unhappy results, and what seems almost wilful misinterpretation of the real facts."

PRES. CARDENAS TO VISIT WASHINGTON?

Washington, To-day.

Rumours of the forthcoming visit to the United States of the Mexican President Cardenas appear to have been given confirmation by a report circulating in political circles here to the effect that President Cardenas is prepared to accept an official invitation of President Roosevelt to come to Washington.

Although official quarters prefer to remain silent in the matter, it is learned from a reliable source that several influential Senators are backing the project in the hope of getting the differences which arose between the two countries following the expropriation of foreign oil companies, settled by methods of direct consultation and thus paving the way to a revival of trade between the United States and Mexico.—Trans-Ocean.

TENSION ROUND PAKHOI

Hoihow, To-day.

Several Japanese warships are anchored off Pakhoi, according to a report received here.

Two Japanese gunboats and several armed trawlers are lying off the harbour of Hoihow, and four warships off the harbour of Yulin.

Meanwhile, Weichow Island is "surrounded" by Japanese gunboats, armed trawlers and transports.

Most of the Japanese soldiers have been landed on the Island.—Our Own Correspondent.

The P. and O. s.s. Carthage from Shanghai will now arrive here tomorrow morning at about 8 a.m.

Mr. Shigemitsu said that if it were possible for him to discuss current affairs he was certain he could make his hearers understand the truth of the situation which unfortunately was not fully appreciated here and elsewhere.

"Let me only tell you this. We are pursuing sincerely and single-heartedly a course designed to inaugurate lasting peace and prosperity in our part of the world.

USHERING IN AN ERA

"Friendship with China is what we desire more than anything else. We are earnestly seeking to readjust relations with her by removing mistrust and suspicion and replacing them with mutual understanding, thus ushering in an era of enduring co-operation and conciliation.

"It seems to me time that the two Island Empires of the East and West saw eye to eye in shaping their policy of enhancing peace.

"It is a fact that Anglo-Japanese friendship does constitute one of the main pillars of world peace. Without it, peace is bound to be precarious. It is an essential and integral part of the fabric of peace and appeasement.

"UNFAILING FAITH"

"There are certain elements who want to see our relations hopelessly strained. There are extremists in both countries. They cannot do much harm so long as we understand and trust each other.

"Let us then look at the situation with unfailing faith, that whatever happens we are bound to remain friends forever; and let us calmly regard the current phases of politics without letting the susceptibilities of the moment blind and bewilder our judgment, for when the clouds are lifted we shall see our everlasting friendship glittering like a great Alpine peak in the radiant sunshine." — Reuter.

* Reuter describes this speech as witty. We can only presume Mr. Shigemitsu also related some risque joke which Reuter could not cable.

GAVE £10,000 — GAOLED

After voluntarily giving a donation of £10,000 to the Nazi Party, Herr Gerhold, a follower of Dr. Schuschnigg, and owner of the biggest private pawnbroker's business in Vienna, has been arrested. Herr Buerckel, Reich Commissar for Austria, regarded the gift as a bribe. The donation was divided among 5,000 poor people in the city.

HIGH PRESSURE POLITICS BY GERMANY

Warsaw, To-day.

The German Foreign Minister, von Ribbentrop, will arrive here on January 25 for a three-day visit, it is officially announced.

The programme includes conversations with the Polish Foreign Minister, Colonel Beck, on the first day, and a banquet in the evening at which von Ribbentrop will be the guest of honour.

On January 26th, the anniversary of the signing of the Polish-German Non-intervention Agreement, von Ribbentrop will be received by the State President, Professor Ignace Masnicki, and a luncheon in his honour will be given at the Presidential residence.

Ribbentrop will leave Warsaw on January 27th.

A considerable amount of time has been included for political conversations which will be held principally with Colonel Beck.

It is stated that von Ribbentrop will stay in the Blanka Palace. He will be the first foreign statesman to reside in this building, which was renovated recently. — Trans-Ocean.

FLOOD THREAT IN GERMANY

Berlin, To-day.

The unusually warm weather of the past few days with the resulting thaw of snow in the mountainous regions of the Black Forest and Western Germany has caused a rapid rise in the waters of the Upper Rhine and also of Moselle in the Treves district.

Precautionary measures against possible floods have already been taken into several places.

The level of a number of other affluents of the Rhine is likewise reported to be rising.—Trans-Ocean.

ARMY RECRUITING

London, To-day.
Since April 1st of last year, 30,515 recruits have been accepted for the Regular Army, exceeding by 1,033 the returns for the whole of the year ending March 31 last.—British Wireless.

ARABS DECIDE ON LONDON DELEGATION

Cairo, To-day.

It is reliably stated that the delegation to London of the Palestinian Arabs will, as a result of the consultations between the Grand Mufti and members of the Arab High Committee, be composed as follows:

Auni Bey Abdel Hadi,
Jamal Husseini,
Alfred Rock,
Dr. Khaldi and
Jakub Chossein.

Political advisers will be believed to be Fuad Saba, George Antonius and Mussa Alami. The latter is considered to enjoy the particular confidence of the Grand Mufti.

After the meeting of the delegations of the Arab States to the London conference, the names of the Palestinian Arab delegates were communicated to the British Ambassador, Sir Miles Lampson, by the Premier, Mohamed Mahmoud Pasha. — Trans-Ocean.

IRAQI RUMOUR DENIED

Cairo, To-day.
The Iraqi Prime Minister, Nuri el Said, told a Trans-Ocean representative that reports to the effect that he would not attend the Palestine conference in London are without foundation.—Trans-Ocean.

PREMIER TO SEE HITLER AGAIN

NOW THAT MR. CHAMBERLAIN HAS MET SIGNOR MUSSOLINI IN ROME HE WILL PROBABLY ANNOUNCE HIS INTENTION OF RE-VISITING HERR HITLER.

In continuance of his plan for "personal contact" Mr. Chamberlain is concerned that Hitler should be under no misapprehensions about the discussions with Mussolini.

When Mr. Chamberlain meets Hitler he intends to invite a high spokesman of the German nation—probably Field-Marshal Goering for preference—to come to London to discuss European appeasement generally.

After that there will be a Four-Power meeting between Britain, France, Germany, and Italy to discuss generally questions of European appeasement.

Fighting Resumed On Many Fronts In China

Chungking, To-day.

After a comparative lull caused by rain and snow, fighting has been resumed on many fronts, according to military advices received here.

It is admitted that Changkungtu, strategic crossing on the Siu River in north Kiangsi, has again been lost to the Japanese.

Japanese forces pushing northwestward to King-shan from Taoshih, north-west of Hankow, have failed to make much headway owing to strong Chinese resistance.

Fighting is still raging in the vicinity of Kingshan. The Japanese are bringing up large numbers of reinforcements. The Japanese claim to have occupied the town is denied.

A Japanese column attacking Sunchiao, west of Kingshan, has been defeated.

Chinese forces staged a surprise raid on the Japanese at Yamiachih, west of Tsao-shih. The Japanese withdraw towards Wuyenling.

Large Japanese forces are now massed at Tsienchiachang, Wuyenling, Hsingmaniao and Tsao-shih.

SOUTH CHINA OPERATIONS

After severe fighting, Fahsien, 25 miles north of Canton, has again fallen to the Japanese. The Chinese withdrew after their defence works were demolished by Japanese bombardment.

CZECHS TO PASS CLOSER INTO NAZI ORBIT?

Prague, To-day.

The Czech Foreign Minister, Dr. Chvalkovsky, will leave for Berlin to-day.

It is believed that economic questions including the possibility of a currency and customs union between Germany and Czechoslovakia will form the main topic of the conversations he will have with German statesmen, but no early decision on these complicated issues is expected.

Germany is expected to bring pressure on Prague to join anti-Comintern Pact, while difficulties occasioned by recent incidents on the Hungarian frontier will doubtless be under review.

Regarding German predictions that Czechoslovakia will adhere to the anti-Comintern Pact, it is stated in political quarters here that the Cabinet have not yet considered any such possibility.—Trans-Ocean.

TRANS-JORDANIA PROBLEMS

London, To-day.

Teufic Pasha Abou el Houda, Chief Minister of Trans-Jordan and representative for the Palestine discussions, paid a further call upon Mr. Malcolm Macdonald yesterday afternoon.

The conversation again turned upon internal questions relating to Trans-Jordan.—British Wireless.

ITALIAN MOVES TOWARDS BRITISH FRONTIER

Djibouti, To-day.

Reports from Harar, in Abyssinia, state that Italian motorised troops have been passing through in the direction of the British frontier.—Reuter.

BRITISH VESSEL BURNED OUT

London, To-day. Fire broke out on the British s.s. Ulmus, when a few miles off Gibraltar yesterday.

The vessel is reported to be a total loss. The crew were rescued by the s.s. Waziristan, which carried out masterly work in stormy weather which rendered rescue extremely difficult.—Trans-Ocean.

CHANG FA-KWEI ON WEST RIVER

Macao, To-day. General Chang Fa-kwei inspected the Chinese positions along the West River yesterday and, on his return to Wuchow expressed satisfaction with the completion of the defences in that region.

Meanwhile, shelling by Japanese artillery at Samshui continues, and troops are still arriving in large numbers from Canton.—Our Own Correspondent.

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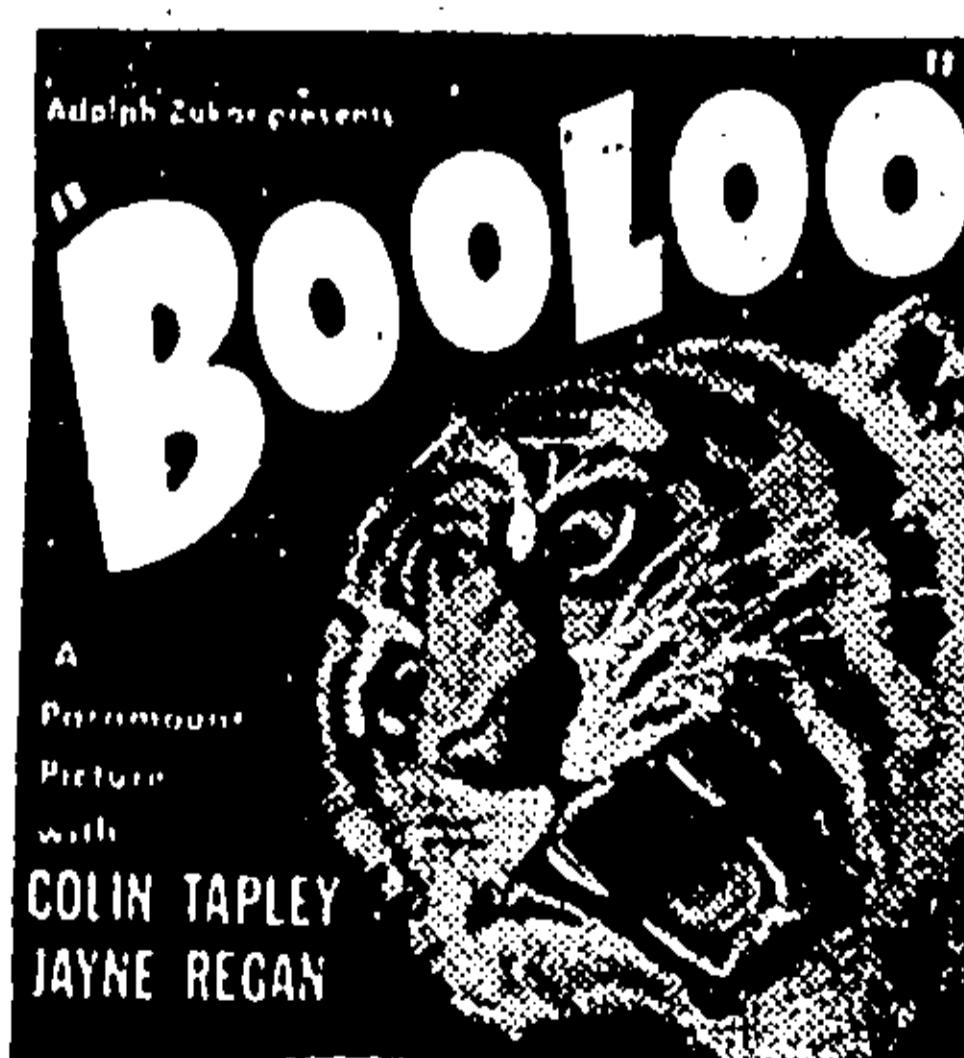
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ABOUT A GIRL

Three men, Fan Shu-lo, 29, boat-builder, Pun Fat, 21, whitewasher, and Chan So-tai, 22, owner of a fishing boat, were this morning charged at the Kowloon Magistracy before Mr. E. Himsworth, with assaulting Lai Hoi, foki of the Leung On Timber Yard, on January 11, in Canton Road.

Complainant was attacked with a hammer when he stepped out of a tea-house and was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital.

It was stated that the trouble had arisen over the sister of one of the defendants. Complainant had been told to stay away from her, but persisted in going out with her.

When he asked how badly complainant was injured, the Magistrate was informed that he had only a scar on his neck left.

Mr. E. Himsworth cautioned the men against using weapons, and fined each defendant \$5 or two weeks.

SHOPKEEPER
TRICKED

Wong Yuet-sang, 33, was this morning sentenced to two months' hard labour by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest when he pleaded guilty to obtaining 13 dozen foot rulers, two dozen plane blades, 12 dozen hack saw blades, 24 dozen joiners' pencils to the value of \$182, by means of a trick, with another man, not in custody.

Det. Sergeant McVey said that the other man went to the shop in Jervois street and ordered the goods, asking that one of the shop's fokis accompany him for payment.

The foki took the articles to the Man On Ching medicine shop where defendant was waiting. They were put on the counter and defendant told the foki to follow him to receive payment.

Outside the shop, defendant attempted to run but was caught. When the foki returned to the shop, the other man had disappeared with the goods.

BELGIUM LINES
UP WITH FRANCO

Brussels, To-day.

An agreement between the Belgian and Franco Government was signed at the Foreign Ministry yesterday.

In the absence at Geneva of the Foreign Minister, M. Spaak, the document was signed by the Foreign Office Secretary, van Langenhoven, and by General Franco's representative in Brussels, Senor de Zulutan, on whose offices the Spanish Nationalist flag was subsequently hoisted. — Trans-Ocean.

CAUTIONED

Leung Po-chi, 29, was cautioned by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning for keeping a mui-tsai, not registered.

Inspector Fraser said defendant went to the S. C. A. yesterday and asked to register the girl. She had been in the Colony for two months.

Defendant said she brought the girl here to return her to her mother. She had no intention of keeping the girl for long.

CZECH
APPOINTMENT
RESISTED

PRAGUE, TO-DAY.

IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE PROTESTS OF THE CARPATHO-UKRAINIAN GOVERNMENT AT HUST AGAINST THE PRAGUE APPOINTMENT OF THE CZECH GENERAL PRCHALA AS THIRD CARPATHO-UKRAINIAN MINISTER HAS MET WITH CERTAIN SUCCESS.

General Prchala interrupted his journey to Hust at Pressburg, where he will stay for the next few days.

This interruption is officially motivated by the fact that General Prchala will have, personally, to hand over command of the Slovakian Forces to his successor.

In reality, however, he will await in Pressburg the outcome of negotiations between the Carpatho-Ukrainian representatives and the Czech Premier, Herr Beran.

While the Carpatho-Ukrainians maintain that a Czech is, under no circumstances, eligible as Carpatho-Ukrainian Minister, Herr Beran will maintain that the appointment of General Prchala was made in the immediate interests of the security of the State and it should be the duty of the Carpatho-Ukrainian Government to allay the anxieties of the population concerning the maturely-reasoned decision of Prague. — Trans-Ocean.

SOVIET ARMY
PRECAUTIONS

Moscow, To-day.

A series of new frontier zones and closed zones, and a more rigid control system in these zones has been created.

In Leningrad, the following zones have been declared closed: Pekow and Kingisepp on the Estonian border, Kronstadt and Sestrorezk on the Gulf of Finland and Schluesselburg on Lake Ladoga, as well as 35 rural districts on the Finnish frontier. — Trans-Ocean.

NEW RUMANIAN
CITIZENSHIP LAW

Bucharest, To-day.

King Carol of Rumania signed new citizenship laws yesterday.

These laws provide that absence from Rumania for more than one year entails loss of citizenship, unless the passports of the persons concerned yearly endorsed at the Rumanian Consulates in the country where the holders of the passports reside.

Naturalisation of foreigners is also made more difficult. — Trans-Ocean.

IRAN STUDENTS
EXPelled

Paris, To-day.

In connection with the rupture of diplomatic relations between the Governments of France and Iran (Persia), it is officially announced here to-day that the French Government has expelled all Iranian students from France. The last batch of 60 left Paris yesterday.

Iranian students from London temporarily in France were notified that they had to leave France immediately. — Trans-Ocean.

JAPANESE RETENTION OF CHINESE MARITIMES CUSTOMS RECEIPTS

Chungking, To-day. The Finance Ministry spokesman, at yesterday's press conference, said he had insufficient information to tell exactly what portion of the total amount of Chinese loans was collected in Japanese-controlled ports.

The percentage in various ports in 1936 was Shanghai 45.9, Tientsin 10.9, Hankow 7.3 and Canton 3.4.

The spokesman said that the statement regarding cancellation of payments applies only to Customs debts, and other debts were not included.

The total amount in principal of long term debts, service of which is secured on Customs revenue, was equivalent to \$2,500,000,000, while the sum due monthly this year on the above obligations was approximately \$18,000,000.

Regarding the Boxer Indemnities the monthly amount due to Britain were about £50,000 and to America U.S.\$160,000.

JAPANESE INTERFERENCE

In 1938 the total Customs collection for the country was \$234,570,000. Something like four-fifths of the country's Customs revenue is collected in ports under Japanese interference, not including that collected in Manchuria, which since the Mukden Incident of 1931 had been detained by the Japanese. — Reuter.

CHUNGKING AND SUSPENSION OF LOAN SERVICE

CHUNGKING, TO-DAY. CHINA WANTS TO PAY ALL HER OBLIGATIONS AND IS READY TO CONSIDER ANY FAIR ARRANGEMENT TO THAT END, DECLARED THE SPOKESMAN OF THE FINANCE MINISTRY YESTERDAY, IN REFERENCE TO CHINA'S SUSPENSION OF PAYMENTS ON LOANS SECURED ON CUSTOMS REVENUE.

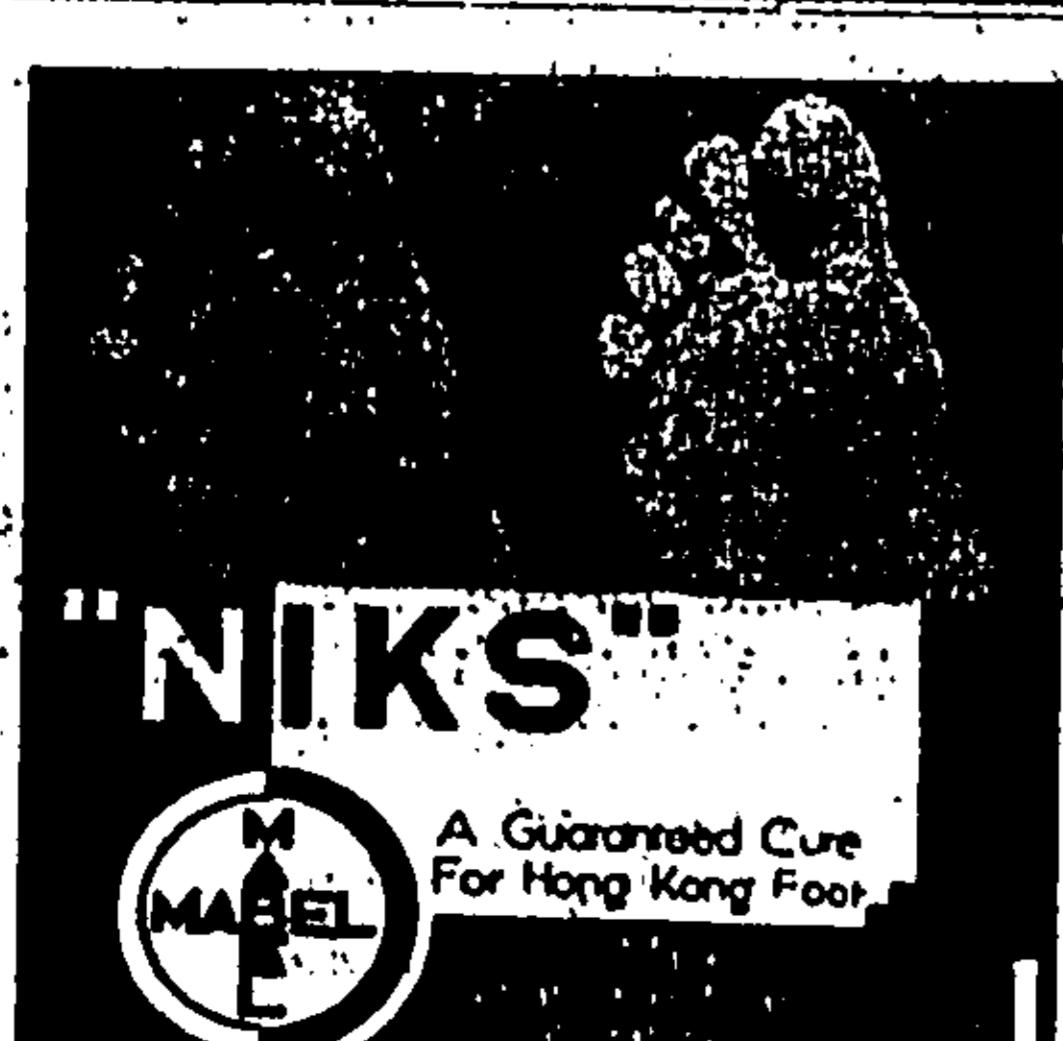
The spokesman emphasised, however, that

Firstly, the share attributable to the Japanese occupied areas should be forthcoming, and

Secondly, that interference with the Chinese currency should cease.

He affirmed that China had no intention of declaring a moratorium. — Reuter.

Mr. C. G. Sollis, M.A., Director of Education, will present the prizes at St. Joseph's College speech day, on January 24, at 5.30 p.m.



APPEAL FOR XMAS CARDS

An appeal has been made for supplies of old Christmas cards and pictorial magazines in connection with refugee work. The plan is to cut pictures from the magazines, paste them across the blank or written pages of the cards, thus converting them into little picture booklets for the refugee children. Other magazines will be supplied to adult refugees. The Soldiers' Relief Association, Yee Sang Fat, Wing's Coffee Shop, Y.W.C.A., W. W. Ahana, and Lucille have agreed to act as collecting centres.

WEATHER FORECAST

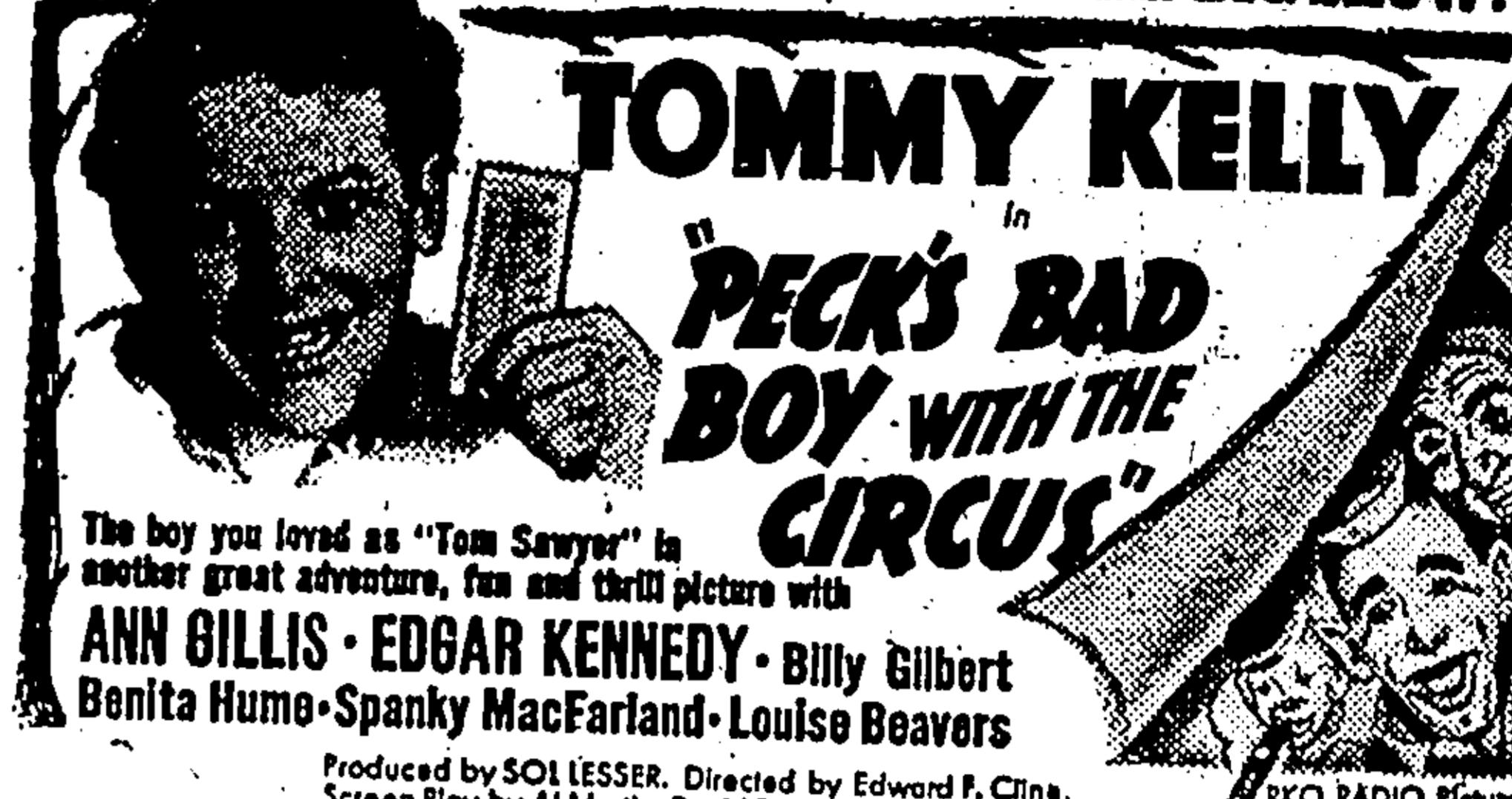
The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone is stationary over China and the neighbouring seas, pressure being highest to the north of the Yangtze Valley; it has increased considerably in intensity. The depression is crossing Japan on a northerly track. Forecast:—N.E. winds, fresh, fair.

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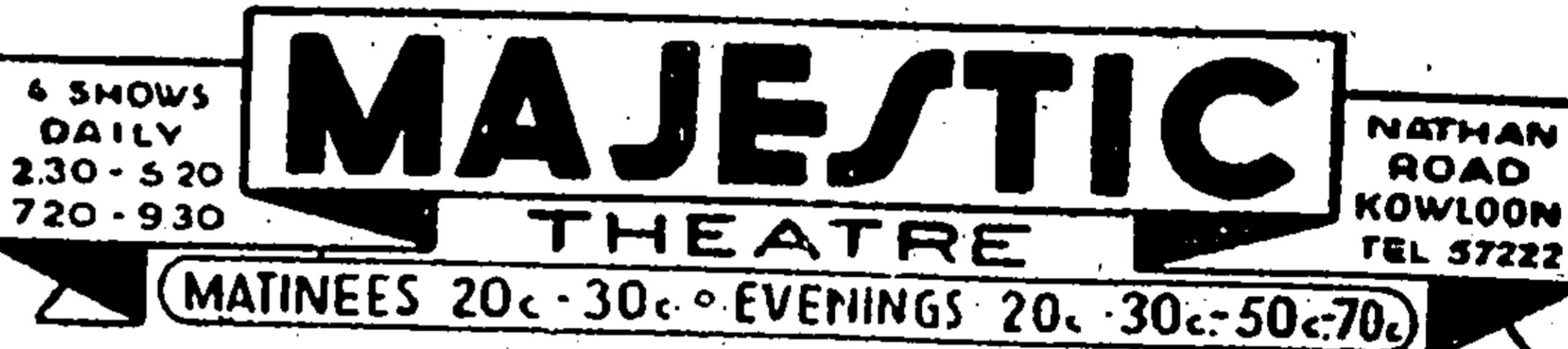
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PREMIER'S REPORT TO CABINET ON ROME VISIT SATISFIES MINISTERS

London, To-day.

The Prime Minister's report to the Cabinet on his Rome visit is believed to have followed the general outlines given by well-informed British circles in Rome at the conclusion of the visit. The Cabinet Ministers appeared to be satisfied with the general effect of the visit, and there seems to remain no doubt in Government circles that the Anglo-Italian Agreement will be carried out entirely.

Regarding Spain, it is understood that there is now no chance of the Italian "volunteers" being withdrawn until General Franco has won.

There appears to be at present no anxiety regarding further intervention in Spain from any quarter.

It is understood the question of Palestine was also discussed, and it is believed that the attitude of the Palestine Arabs is likely to be the deciding factor in the decision for or against a conference.—Reuter.

EARL BALDWIN AT NO.
10, DOWNING STREET

London, To-day. At the conclusion of yesterday morning's Cabinet meeting, which lasted two hours and twenty minutes and marked the resumption of regular weekly meetings, Earl Baldwin arrived at 10 Downing Street for luncheon with the Prime Minister.

During the afternoon Mr. Chamberlain was visited by the Minister of Agriculture and by the Secretary for Air.—British Wireless.

NOMINAL FINE IN JUNK ARMS PROSECUTION

NOMINAL FINES OF \$10 EACH WERE IMPOSED ON PART-OWNERS OF A JUNK, CHARGED AT KOWLOON THIS MORNING, ON REMAND, WITH POSSESSION OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION WITHOUT A LICENCE.

The prosecution declared that an application for a licence was made a month ago and refused. Defendants were given a permit to carry the guns and ammunition into Chinese territory on the understanding that he was not to bring them back. Since then the junk had been back to the Colony three times, each time carrying the weapons.

Li Fat pointed out, in his defence, that he carried on trade in a pirate-infested district and it was most necessary to arms.

Mr. Hemsworth, imposing the fines, suggested that the arms be cached outside Hong Kong before entering British waters.

Mr. Vaida, of No. 30, Village Road, has reported the theft of a quantity of medicine and a motor pump valued at \$175, from his garage between Monday and yesterday.

POLICE COURT SEQUEL TO CITY ATTACK

The sensational hammer attack on Mr. P. S. Lin, an associate of Mr. Wang Ching-wel, in Des Voeux Road on Tuesday had its police court sequel this morning when Chan Shek-lam, 27, described as an odd-job painter, was formally charged before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy with

(1) Causing grievous bodily harm to Lin Pak-sang with intent to murder.

(2) Unlawfully and maliciously wounding Lin with intent to do him grievous bodily harm or disable him.

Insp. Whant prosecuted. Mr. Lin who sustained serious injuries about the head, is confined in Queen Mary Hospital and is not yet considered to be off the danger-list, it is stated, though his condition was this morning stated to be satisfactory.

The defendant was formally remanded for one week in gaol custody.

The other man who was alleged to have also taken part in the assault is still at large.

KOWLOON CITY ROBBERY

Charged with robbing Tam Man-lung and his wife, Chan Wai-fong, of money and jewellery at the Hau Wong Temple, Kowloon City, last month, Yuen Chun, who pleaded guilty, was sentenced to three and a half years' hard labour, and Wong Kan-fu, who denied the charge, was sentenced to four years' hard labour by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

A woman, Chan Chiu, was charged with receiving two of the stolen rings, but the jury found her not guilty and she was discharged.

It was alleged that complainant, his wife and child went to worship at the Hau Wong Temple. When they were at the Ding Dong Rock, close to the temple, first and second accused relieved them of their property at the point of a dagger and revolver.

Mr. J. B. Prentis, Assistant Crown Solicitor, appeared for the Crown.

AMERICA'S DREYFUS

FEARS HE IS STILL IN DANGER

New York, To-day.
Tom Mooney, American Dreyfus, liberated after nearly twenty-three years in prison for a bombing outrage he did not commit, has decided that his old enemies still have him "marked for death."

Now the celebrations of his release from jail are over he has had a chance to talk things over with his family.

His sister Anna warned him that he was still hated by some people in California. "Be careful, Tom," she said, "they may try to poison you."

"So capitalism still hates me," says Mooney. "I must remember that. In the crowds that surrounded me after I was freed somebody handed me a wrapped cigar that might have been a bomb."

"And in yesterday's parade some one gave me a glass of water, and I drank. I mustn't accept any more drinks from strangers."

Plans are meanwhile being made to vote more than a quarter of a million pounds in California's State legislature as an indemnity to Mooney for his wrongful imprisonment:

"NO PLANS TO SUE"

Said Mooney, "I've no plans to sue the State."

Mooney finds that the outside world has changed during his generation behind bars. "There have been so many parades and celebrations," he said, "that I haven't had a chance to look around until today."

"But now I find I must remodel my language. I said something about a 'tin lizzie' when referring to an automobile and my friends didn't know what I was talking about."

"When I went to prison every one called a car a 'tin Lizzie'—and dancing has changed. I cannot understand this swing. It's not like the old ragtime I used to know."

"I am eager to learn how to drive. I used to be a pretty good driver, but I'm terrified of these modern automobiles with their great speed."

"I WANT TO FLY"

"I want to fly, too. When I went to prison there were only a few planes, and only the foolhardy rode in them. I haven't seen one of these new planes yet, but I'm told they're magnificent."

"Most of all I want to see a motion picture. I've seen only one movie in twenty-two years—and I shouldn't have seen that."

"Now I am a citizen again I can tell you how I saw that movie, two years ago. Right in San Francisco."

"During a recess in one of my court hearings a friendly deputy shériff took me, but nobody at San Quentin prison knew about it. It was Charlie Chaplin's 'Modern Times.'"

SPECIAL CABINET COMMITTEE ON PALESTINE

London, To-day.
A sub-committee with authority to compile a memorandum on the Palestine question was formed at yesterday's meeting of the Cabinet. It is stated that this memorandum will be the basis upon which the British Government will propose a solution of the Palestine question to the Round Table Conference. The question of who will represent the Arabs at the Conference has been causing the British Government unusual concern.

It is believed that a difference of opinion prevails between the Secretary of State for the Colonies and the Palestine Military Authorities.

While Mr. MacDonald is of the opinion that the Conference, as such, can only be effective if the Arab Nationalists are represented, and agrees that the Arab delegation be authorised by the Grand Mufti, the military authorities in Palestine argue that the Arab delegation should be composed of six moderate Arabs whose appointment is not dependent upon the Grand Mufti's approval.—Trans-Ocean.

FRENCH PLANS FOR N. AFRICA

Paris, To-day.
A resolution is being submitted to the Chamber by a number of Deputies, proclaiming the French Empire as an inviolable unity and declaring that under no circumstances can any part be transferred to another country.

M. Dahar, of Marseilles, has recommended that the President be given a new title, that of "President of the French Republic and Empire."

It is learned that plans exist for the combining of all North African territories into one and placing them under military administration.

The Resident-General in Morocco, General Nogues, is expected to be appointed commander-in-chief of French North Africa.—Trans-Ocean.

SENATOR BORAH'S PREDICTION

Washington, To-day.

Senator Borah yesterday declared he was convinced that no attempt would be made by the United States, anyhow for the time being, to fortify the Island of Guam, in the Pacific, as a naval base.

—Reuter.

12,000 PLANES YEARLY WITHIN THREE YEARS

Washington, To-day.
A forecast that within three years the United States can be turning out warplanes at the rate of 12,000 a year, was made yesterday by Major-General Arnold, commander-in-chief of the Army Air Corps, at a secret session of the House of Representatives' military committee, according to members of the committee.

Previously, at an open hearing, Major-General Arnold testified that an Army survey showed that the aircraft industry's productive capacity, which is now about 2,500 planes yearly, could be doubled or quadrupled.

Mr. May, chairman of the House of Representatives military affairs committee, has introduced a bill authorising an increase of 3,680 planes for the Army and permitting the Secretary for War to equip the Army Air Corps with planes not exceeding 6,000.

FOUR NEW BASES

Major-General Arnold declared that four new air bases—in Puerto Rico, Alaska and two in the continental United States—should be constructed within the next two years to complete the defences of the continental United States.

The air base at Hawaii should be expanded, he added.

Emphasising the importance of building up the nation's ability to manufacture planes on a large scale, Major-General Arnold specifically suggested to Congress to permit industry to start as soon as possible on the minimum increase of 3,000 planes requested by President Roosevelt.

COMPETITIVE BIDDING

Major-General Arnold declared that they would abolish competitive bidding if they were in an emergency. "I think right now we are faced with an emergency, and that Congress ought to change the law."—Reuter.

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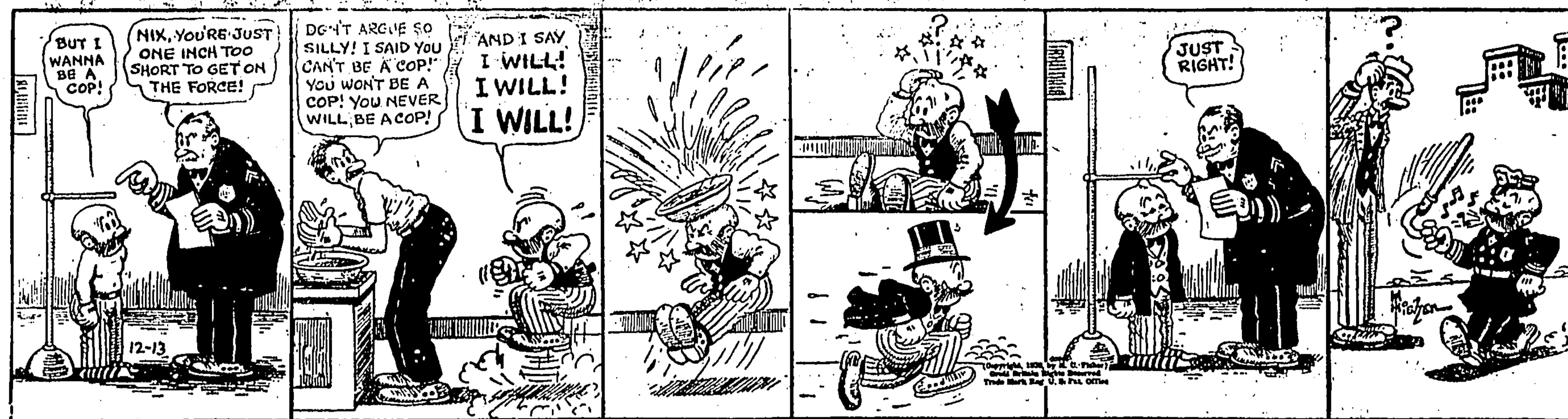
The speaker paid high tribute to the work of the late Father Hlinka.—Trans-Ocean.



MOST FEROIOUS OF ALL EAGLES.—The Harpy Eagle is the most ferocious of all eagles and this specimen at the London Zoo weighs about 25 lbs. It adopts a threatening attitude when visitors approach too near its cage at feeding time. Its dinner consists of a rabbit which can be seen gripped in its talons. This eagle comes from South America.

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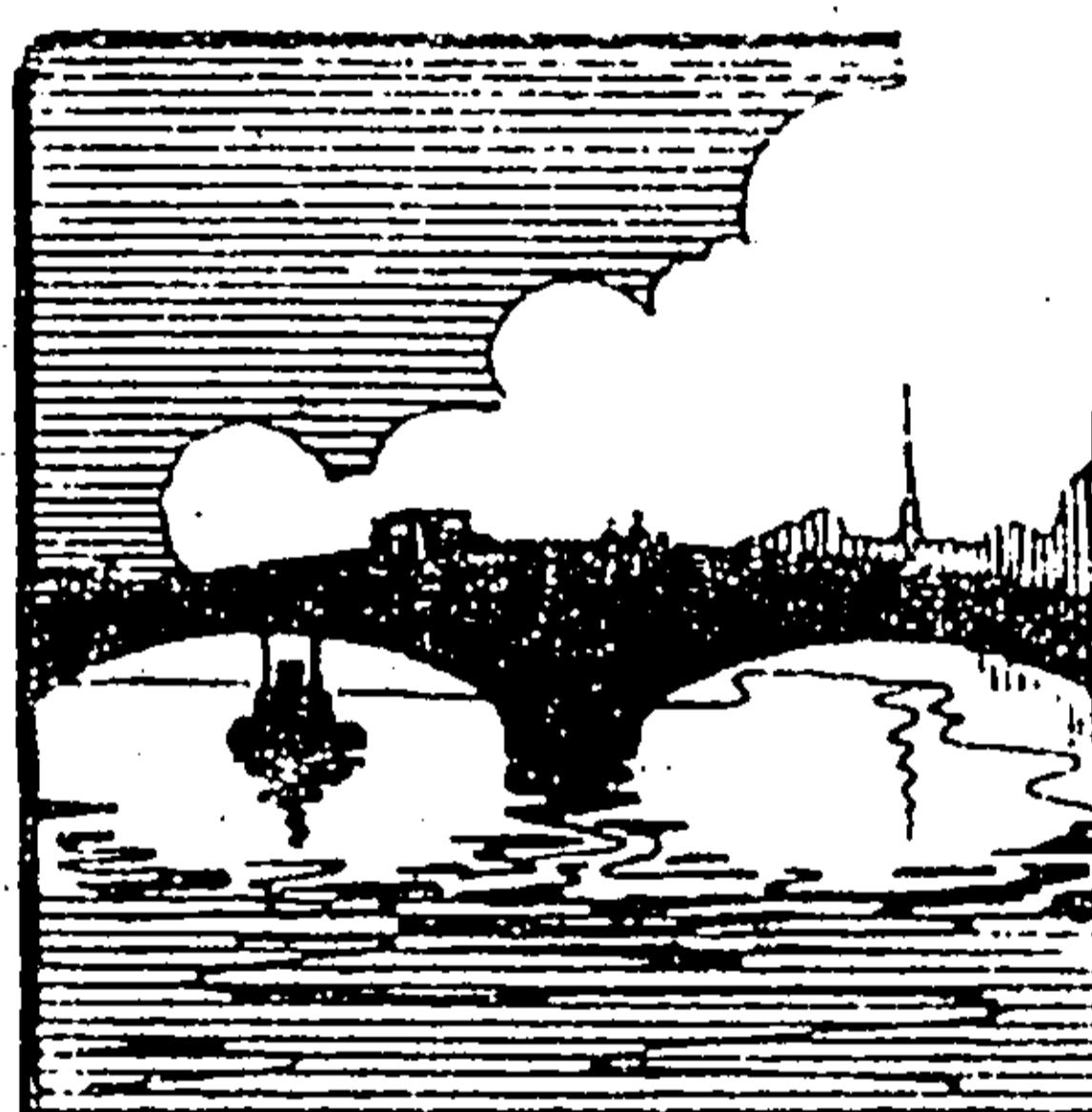
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THE DAILY SHORT STORY

CRAVING

Leo Le Blanc, whose trap line extended all the way from Great St. Pierre to the headwaters of the Little Bear, was two miles away from his cabin when it began to snow. He paused to scan the heavy sky.

"Eet weel be one grand storm," he muttered aloud. "The biggest of the year. I am one damn' fool."

He looked back over the trail. Thirty minutes of rapid walking would bring him to the comfortable security of his cabin. There was food here, enough to last a month. There was firewood and a warm bunk.

He turned and looked ahead. Barren, uninhabited snow wastes stretched away over endless miles. Thirty miles beyond lay the trading post of the Hudson's Bay company. But the thirty would turn into sixty for a man on snowshoes, once the full sweep of the storm had struck. No sane man would have attempted such a hazardous undertaking.

Leo turned his back on the trading post, heeding his better and saner judgment. Two, three, a half dozen steps he took. Then he was stopped by an inner urge, a craving for something that he could get at no other place, an overwhelming desire to satisfy a longing that had tormented his spirit for seven days.

Leo whirled halfway around, resolutely set his face away from the cabin, and grinned as though in de-

For an hour Leo dozed. Occasionally he thought of his snug, warm cabin. But always the torment of the past seven days came to bolster up his spirit, to spur him ahead. He must satisfy that craving.

Again he plunged into the storm. It was now quite dark. The blizzard had not abated. Wind and snow and cold joined forces to defeat and crush the only living thing that dared venture abroad in this moment when nature was on a rampage.

Hours later Leo stumbled and fell. He lay quite still for a moment, conscious of a terrifying desire to sleep. He roused himself with an effort, fighting off the drowsiness that he knew, if once succumbed to, would end in death.

Tiny particles of ice clung to his eye-lashes, protruded from the few short hairs of his mustache. One ear was numb-frozen. The little finger of his left hand was without life. Nature, it seemed, had won. Leo's strength was gone; his great store of reserve energy was exhausted. The end, he knew, was near unless—Leo lifted his head and suddenly knew a great joy, a feeling of exultation! Ahead, a pinpoint of light blinked at him through the thick wall of swirling snow! He had won! Conquered an almost unconquerable enemy!

He lurched ahead.

By Stanley Cordell

fiance. He was a young man, vigorous and strong. He was impulsive, possessed of a stubbornness that had conquered where weaker wills failed.

As he stepped out briskly the first few flakes, forerunners of what was to follow, smote him in the face. He raised a fist and shook it threateningly.

"Bah! You are the king of the Northland! So you theen, eh! Leo ees not afraid. He will show you who is king. Bah!"

And with this challenge, he lowered his face until his head bent forward and swung into that long, tireless pace of the born woodsman.

Less than an hour later the storm broke. Leo had entered the sheltering protection of an evergreen stand. It was nearly dark; instinct kept him on the trail. His pace slackened not at all.

Overhead the wind shrieked and arched the crowns of forest monarchs. A grey curtain of snow had settled over the land. Objects, however large, were nearly obscured at distances of two feet or less.

It became a fight of man against nature. And nature, it appeared, was summoning her every weapon to subdue this human who had dared defy her. Added to the wind and snow came cold. Sharp, biting, penetrating cold. Despite his warm, fleece-lined sheepskin, despite his tremendous exertions, Leo felt the bitter cold penetrating his marrow.

Four hours after the storm had started Leo rested. He had covered, he estimated, nearly half of the distance.

Crawling beneath an overhanging boulder, he threw brush up before the entrance, gathered firewood and set it alight. The heat was resuscitating, yet even here the icy blasts from the Arctic reached in with frigid fingers.

MacDonald, superintendent of the Little Bear Post, was unlacing his boots preparatory to retiring, when the door flew open, emitting a fierce blast of snow and wind,—and Leo.

"Hoot!" said MacDonald, and leaped to his feet. He dragged the trapper near the great box stove, slammed shut the door, and began to remove Leo's outer clothing. MacDonald was puzzled, for despite the man's physical injury, a grin showed on his face.

Leo at length opened his eyes, stared up at the trader, and his grin broadened.

"M'sieu! It ees Leo Le Blanc who has come all the way from hees cabin on the Little Bear for one leetle cigarette. The kind in the red package. Diable! There were none in my pack, none save those I carried. I have come for to replenish my stock."

Incredulously doubting the trapper's sanity, MacDonald reached up and brought down one of the red packages of cigarettes that Le Blanc had indicated. Leo eagerly broke off the covering, placed the white cylinder between his lips and ignited it. He inhaled deeply then blew great clouds of smoke toward the ceiling.

"Ah, M'sieu," he said, addressing MacDonald. "eet is one grand word. Eet is one grand feeling to be alive." (Copyright, 1938, By The Associated Newspapers.)

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ITALIAN SALE OF WARSHIPS TO GENERAL FRANCO

Open Violation Of Non-Intervention Contended

London, To-day.

Allegations that Italy violated the non-intervention agreement by selling warships to the Spanish Nationalist Government, are contained in a Note handed to the Foreign Office by the Spanish Ambassador in London yesterday.

The Ambassador asked that the Note be communicated to the non-intervention committee.

The Note quotes from "Jane's Fighting Ships," the annual naval publication, to show that four destroyers and two submarine were purchased by the Nationalist Government from Italy in 1937.

The Note declares: "These sales are open violations of the non-intervention agreement on the part of the Italian Government." — Reuter.

THROW OPEN FRONTIER DEMONSTRATIONS

Paris, To-day.

A big Socialist demonstration under the slogan "throw open the Spanish frontier" was staged in Paris last evening, by prominent Socialist leaders such as M. Jouhaux and M. Leon Blum.

"Le Matin" writes that France should now more than ever be on guard against being drawn into the Spanish conflict. Intervention would merely have the effect of prolonging the civil war and might lead to a world war. France, it maintains, should not take upon herself to play the policeman in Europe.

"Le Journal" says that those who advocate open or clandestine intervention in Spain in the name of anti-totalitarian ideologies will now be able to measure the amount of opposition they may expect from Parliament.

"Populaire" and "Humanite" bitterly attack M. Flandin referring to him as an advocate of General Franco.

"Petit Parisien," which refrains from taking sides, intimates that M. Bonnet, the Foreign Minister, will make an important pronouncement in the Chamber at the conclusion of the debate on the international situation.—Trans-Ocean.

LABOUR PARTY RESOLUTION

London, To-day.

The National Executive of the Labour Party has adopted a resolution calling the attention of the British Government and people to the continued violation of the policy of non-intervention by the Italian and Nazi Governments in support of General Franco.

The resolution urges the immediate reopening of the Franco-Spanish frontier and removal of the embargo on the supply of arms to Spain. — Reuter.

LOYALISTS CLAIM SUCCESSES

London, To-day. Successful Spanish Republican attacks on the Estremadura front are claimed in a Spanish press agency despatch.

The despatch says the Republicans have captured fresh positions and are threatening the rear of the Nationalist positions at Sierra Mesagara and Tejonera.—Reuter.

"POLICY OF WHAT CAN BE DONE"

German Praise For Mr. Chamberlain

What is described as "the search in England for the point beyond which Britain does not intend to yield" is discussed by the London correspondent of the "Lokalanzeiger," Herr W. von Kries, in an article published on the front page.

"The answer to this question is most difficult to find," he writes; "but at the present moment we are justified in saying that there is not a single man in the British Isles who knows the answer to it."

Mr. Chamberlain, he declares, pursues a "policy of what can be done," and has done what was compatible with common sense. His policy, he describes as a "brave one."

BRITAIN NEEDS A DICTATOR!

Says Sir E. Lutyens.

A dictator is needed to rebuild the cities of Britain. That is the opinion of Sir Edwin Lutyens, most famous of British architects and newly-elected president of the Royal Academy.

Sitting in his office, Sir Edwin told of his dream. "Of course, I'm speaking as an ordinary architect, not as head of the Academy," he said.

"Committees never get anything done. It Britain is ever to be modernised or made beautiful, it will have to be by a dictator who knows his own mind."

EGYPTIAN PRÉMIER & PALESTINE

Cairo, To-day.

"I am greatly hopeful that wisdom and justice will lead to the establishment of peace in Palestine in a way which will abolish the fears of our Arab British there," stated the Prime Minister, Mohamed Mahmoud Pasha, in a speech at Naquet to the Arab delegates to the Palestine Conference in London.

The delegates sail on Sunday in the P. and O. liner "Strathnaver." — Reuter.

MUNITION WORKERS UPSET CITY

The Mayor, Corporation and residents of Bath are upset.

Some time ago the War Office set up a big establishment at Corsham, near by, in connection with the arms expansion programme.

Now residents of Bath have complained to Mr. Hore-Belisha that:

- (1) The workers from Corsham spend the evenings walking about their streets;
- (2) Many of them are getting drunk.

The Mayor has formally lodged a complaint with the Secretary for War.

Mr. Hore-Belisha, however, is hitting back. He considers it is unfair to blame the workers just because some of them take too much to drink, or because they constitute an attraction to the girls of Bath in the evenings and on Sunday afternoons.

He has also told the Mayor there is a lack of facilities for recreation, and an attempt is being made to secure a grant from the National Fitness Council for recreation rooms and sports grounds.

"There is not a city that does not need improving. Every one is an untidy monument to haphazard selfishness. If our rebuilding dictator went, for example, to Manchester, he would find plenty to keep him busy."

"Experts will have to state the needs of modern traffic, industrialists the requirements of trade. It will be for a generation yet unborn to create a new Britain."

"Britain has been built without plan or leadership, the result of centuries of building effort executed in times of stress or crisis."

PREMIER'S REFUSAL OF LABOUR REQUEST

London, To-day.

The leader of the Opposition, Mr. C. R. Attlee, in a letter to the Prime Minister, has requested that Parliament be immediately summoned in view of the gravity of the situation in Spain, where he fears there is grave danger of famine making it necessary in his view "to concert measures of relief in co-operation with other countries."

The Prime Minister, replying to Mr. Attlee, says he has given careful consideration to the request which is apparently based on the view that the time has come when the policy of non-intervention should be reversed and the embargo on the supply of arms and munition to the Spanish Government removed.

In the opinion of the Government such a course would inevitably lead to extension of the conflict with consequences which could not be accurately foreseen but would undoubtedly be very grave.

NOT PREPARED

"The Government are not, as at present advised, prepared to adopt such a course, and in these circumstances they see no advantage in anticipating the date on which Parliament is due to meet, in less than a fortnight.

"As regards the question of danger of famine in Republican Spain, the Government have recently been in consultation with other governments, and particularly with the Government of the United States, with a view to the possibility of concerting international help on the large scale contemplated by the Spanish Government and set out in the Report prepared by Sir Denys Bray and Mr. Webster.

CONTINUE TO WATCH

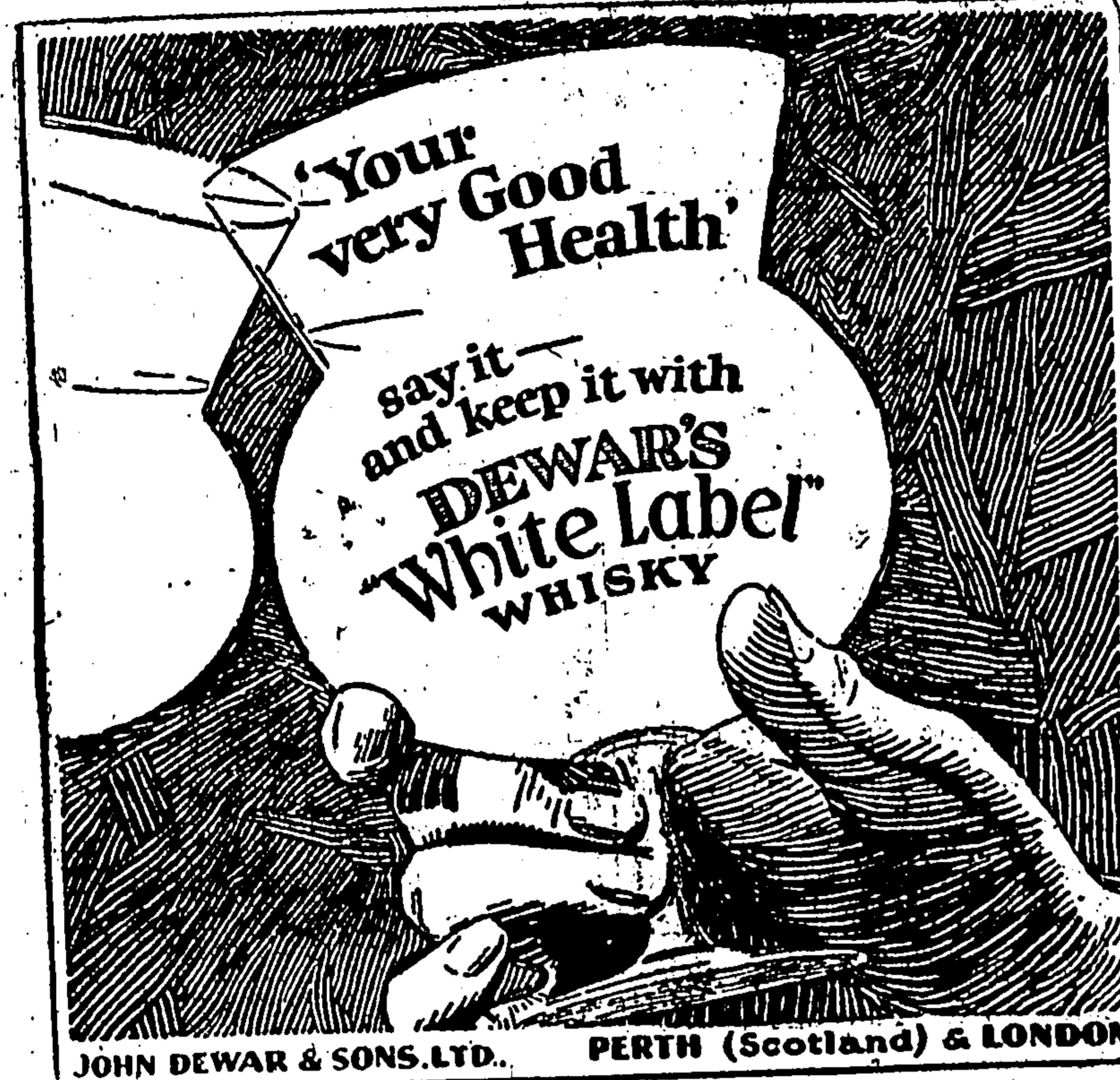
"As a result, it seems clear that there is at present no chance of the scheme being organised on this basis, and such a scheme would in any case take a very long time to organise effectively.

"We have, however, already joined with other governments in helping finance the work of unofficial organisations already in the field, and we propose to continue this policy.

"The Government will continue to watch the situation in Spain as it develops, and if in their view circumstances should demand an alteration in date, they will not hesitate to recommend Mr. Speaker to call the House together at short notice."—British Wireless.

FRENCH WARSHIP SKIPPER TO DIE FOR SELLING SECRETS

A secret naval tribunal last week condemned to death Lt. Jean Aubert, commander of the French destroyer Vauquelin. He was convicted of selling naval secrets to a foreign power during the central European crisis last September. The tribunal imposed a three-year imprisonment sentence on Jeanne Maurel, a woman accomplice described as an "adventuress from Brest."



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PALESTINE PROBLEM

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald may well say that a critical point has been reached in the preparations for the discussions on Palestine with the Arabs and the Jews, for it is evident that both parties are going into the conference with minimum demands impossible of fulfilment except by favouring one as against the other. The Government, in the meantime, is in that uncomfortable position of having no policy about Palestine.

The "Partition" of the Peel Commission, it has pitched over; it has also rejected one or two more, like the Woodhead Commission's plans (not that the Commission itself believed in them), and at the moment it has not another handy. But let no one mistake; if the London conference between Arabs and Jews does not produce agreement the Government is going to have a plan, and no nonsense. Mr. Malcolm MacDonald says so; the Government recognises that the present uncertainty must cease, and as it has itself been for over two years the image of uncertainty it ought to know. In the meantime the absence of any policy undoubtedly cramps a Minister's style. Other Ministers

no doubt will welcome the conference because it puts off for a few more months the pain of taking a decision. But Mr. MacDonald, who has always recognised the dangers of delay, can now only express unexceptionable sentiments about the conference. "It is in the best interests of the Jews that future policy in Palestine should, so far as possible, be based on a wide agreement," and if both sides would make concessions, "then peace and prosperity would return" to Palestine. True, but after the Peel Commission, the Woodhead Commission, the Parliamentary debates, the reference to the Mandates Commission and the Council of the League, the White Paper accepting "Partition," the White Paper preparing a plank for the victim, and the White Paper shoving him off, we get no nearer to the mind of the Government, assuming that it has one, than that its policy is to "facilitate Jewish immigration under suitable conditions." And what does that mean?

Mr. MacDonald was, of course, sympathetic about the Jews; he

himself believes in the idea of the Balfour Declaration and the National Home. He acknowledges how much the Jewish immigrants have done for Palestine; he said that but for them the Arabs, instead of being now nearly a million, would have remained the 600,000 that they were twenty years ago. Jewish intelligence and industry have raised the whole standard of living in Palestine, and would, by the same means, in time influence that of the neighbouring countries also. Actually the Jews themselves suffer for their virtues; they raise the social and economic standards in Palestine, for Arabs as well as for themselves, and then find that they cannot have a State of their own because an Arab State could not support the standards to which the Palestinian Arabs have by now become accustomed. Mr. MacDonald, however, while admitting the least that can be said—and it is only one point—about the wonderful achievement of the Jews in Palestine, in effect remits everything to the conference; he falls back on the desperate hope that at last the two sides will agree. Everyone shares the hope, but we seem to be like the lost who travel in a circle. After sixteen anxious, wasted months we arrive where the Peel Commission started. The Peel Report pointed out that "at every crisis, in every discussion, in every official statement, it had been firmly and sometimes eloquently reaffirmed" that Jews and Arabs must somehow work amicably together if each race was to develop happily under the LEADER..... (2)

mandate. The Jews had said the same, and "only one voice was missing from the chorus—the Arab voice." Hence the mandate was declared unworkable; hence the case for Partition, the separation of the races, which the Government welcomed so warmly in July last year, declaring that the conflict was, in its view, "irreconcilable" and that the "best and most hopeful solution" was Partition "on the general lines" recommended by the Commission.

Partition is dead and the mandate is declared "almost unworkable." Nevertheless, it is to the mandate, unless the conference agrees on some third "solution," that the Government must return. Its essence is that a National Jewish Home must be developed; its interpretation is not that only so many (or so few) Jews may be accepted as will appease the Arabs but as many as the economic development of the country justifies. The result so far is an achievement—social, economic, and cultural—such as has no fellow anywhere since the Great War. To stop the process, with the Arab population rapidly growing, would be to cripple Palestine, to throw it back towards the anaemic, primitive economy from which the Jews have raised it. Whatever the conference proposes, however the Government at last makes up its mind, and whatever special measures be taken to deal with the more purely Jewish and Arab areas, it is essential that immigration should continue on such a scale that the lively organism which has been growing up since 1922 should not be starved and stunted. Nor is it to be forgotten that in the whole world there is only one country that both can and will at this moment take and maintain a great number—100,000—of the persecuted Jews, and that is Palestine.

SHOT FIRED INTO SHAMEEN POLICE STATION

A STRONG British protest has been lodged, it is believed, with the Japanese authorities in Canton in connection with an incident which occurred on Sunday.

AT about 11.30 on Sunday morning, a Japanese sentry opposite the British Bridge, fired a rifle bullet which entered the police station on Shameen.

Representations made by Captain J. Ferguson, the Chief of Police, elicited the reply that the sentry was "shooting birds."

It is now reported that the British Consul-General, Mr. A. P. Blunt, has lodged a strong protest with the Japanese authorities.

NAZI PASTOR CHARGED WITH PRAYING FOR PEACE!

Berlin, To-day. Pastor Mueller, leader of the opposition Church, together with two other Pastors, is to appear in the courts on a charge of "misusing the pulpit."

The charge follows Pastor Mueller's request to his parishioners on September 30 to "pray for the maintenance of peace and a successful issue to the international efforts on behalf of peace."

Pastor Mueller's salary was stopped as a result! — Reuter.

COUNT CIANO'S BELGRADE VISIT

Milan, To-day. Political quarters attach considerable importance to the visit to Yugoslavia of Count Ciano, for conversations with the Premier.

It is hoped that the visit will bring about further clarification of the situation in Central Europe and strengthen the rapprochement between Italy and Yugoslavia. — Trans-Ocean.

Storm Over Danzig At League Council

Geneva, To-day. A storm has been raised over the question whether Dr. Burckhardt is to resign his post of League High Commissioner in Danzig.

At a private meeting of the Danzig Committee of Three, Britain and France favoured his remaining at his post, while Sweden favoured his resignation.

Mr. Goldman, President of the Council of the World Jewish Congress, has been urging that Dr.

BRITAIN, SOVIET AND FRANCE DISCUSS DR. KOO'S DEMANDS

GENEVA, TO-DAY. THE QUESTION OF THE SINO-JAPANESE DISPUTE, RAISED ON TUESDAY BY DR. WELLINGTON KOO, THE CHIEF CHINESE DELEGATE, WAS DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE YESTERDAY BY THE COMMITTEE OF FOUR—FRANCE, BRITAIN, RUSSIA AND CHINA.

No decision, however, has yet been reached and the matter will be further considered to-day.

It is not expected that any practical solution will be found at the moment to Dr. Koo's demands or that his suggestion for formation of a co-ordinating committee will be taken up.—Reuter.

UNIVERSITY FLAG DAY

In spite of the wet weather on January 7, University students and volunteers from Lingnan University and other schools managed to collect the sum of \$3,011.99. A sum of \$1,000 is to be given to the medical corps of the new 4th Army in Anhwei, while another sum of \$2,000 is allotted to repairs and maintenance of the electric and water works of the refugee camp in Shumchun.

A net sum of \$805.35 was collected from the Charity Dance held on the evening of January 7, 1939.

1939 STYLE: YOU MUST LOOK NATURAL

Fantastic shades in lipstick and nail-varnish are "out." Garish coloured nails, however smart, will be unforgivable in 1939. At least, this is what the fashion prophets say.

It will be essential to look natural in your make-up this year.

Gone will be the exotic dusky Romany, and the frail Dresden china Edwardian. Nothing must be artificial.

Delicacy and femininity will be the things that every woman will aim at next year. The artificial woman will be "unsmart" in every way.

CRACK U.S. PLANE SENT TO CHINA AS MODEL

FRANCE ASKS POLAND TO STATE POLICY

London, To-day. An American-built military aeroplane, with heavy armament, which has arrived at Rangoon and is being sent across the frontier to China, is a demonstration model sent in advance of others which are coming in specially chartered ships.

This is according to the Rangoon correspondent of "The Times."

American pilots, the correspondent adds, have begun to arrive en route to China to train Chinese in use of the machines.

A consignment of machine-guns for China arrived in the ship which brought the plane.—Reuter.

SINGAPORE SPY SCARE

Tokyo, To-day. British police early yesterday morning searched the premises and shops of numerous Japanese residents in Singapore, confiscating a number of documents and business papers.

The visitations were made in connection with enquiries into alleged espionage activities. — Trans-Ocean.

Paris, To-day. Importance is attached in political circles here to a conversation which the Foreign Minister, M. Bonnet, had yesterday with the French Ambassador to Warsaw.

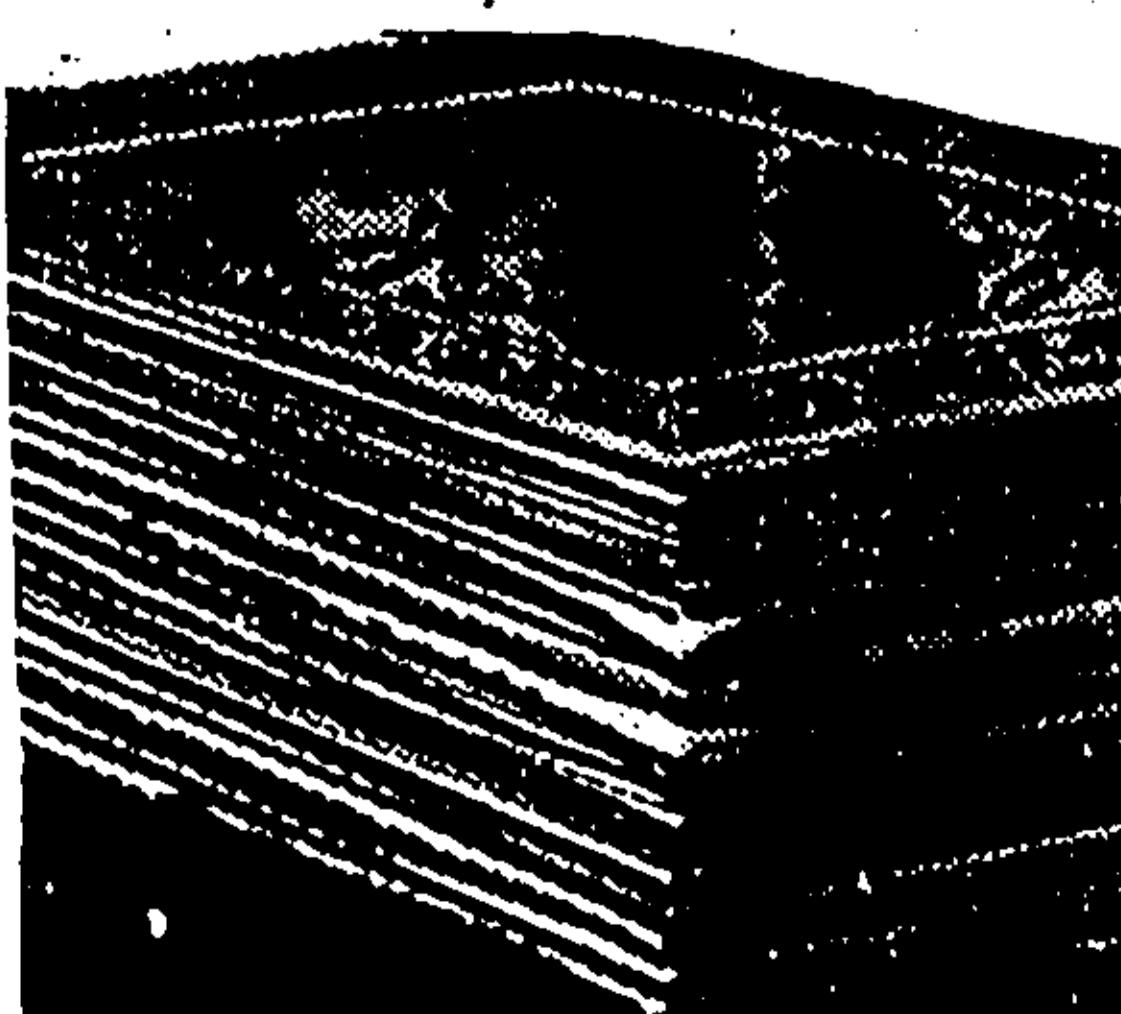
Following the return of Colonel Beck to Warsaw, and his conversations with Herr Hitler at Berchtesgaden and von Ribbentrop at Munich and Berlin, M. Leon Noel had been instructed to make enquiries regarding Poland's policy in general and towards France in particular.

According to French circles, the reply was entirely satisfactory. Nevertheless, M. Noel was invited to Paris to give M. Bonnet a verbal report.—Trans-Ocean.

Dr. Ho Ko-chuen, of the Chinese Public Dispensary, Wanchai, has informed the Police that while travelling in a bus between the China Emporium and Wanchai, a wallet with \$200 was stolen from his jacket pocket.

Mr. F. Blakey, of No. 11 Tak Shing Street, has reported that a radiator and motor car tools valued at \$100 were stolen from his car, while was parked outside his residence yesterday.

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Seven Men Appear At Bow-St. Following Bombing Outrages

I.R.A. Proclamation Found In Possession

CANADA TO BEGIN PLANE MANUFACTURE IN FEW WEEKS

Montreal, To-day.

Lewis Ord, the Canadian air expert, announced on his return from England yesterday that work on manufacturing bombers in Canada for the Royal Air Force would start in a few weeks and would continue throughout the present year and 1940.

Mr. Ord considered it probable that the bombers would be flown to England.—Reuter.

SHAW'S "GENEVA" AT GENEVA

Geneva will be the first city on the Continent to produce Bernard Shaw's "Geneva."

The Geneva English Drama Society, which is an amateur international body producing plays in English (and in American) is to have the honour of interpreting to an international audience Shaw's shrewd hits at the international institutions from which a large number of the cast will be drawn.

It is confidently expected that Geneva will rise to the occasion, if only because it has before now proved that it has the faculty (by no means universal) of laughing at itself.

'THE OFFICER IN THE TOWER' WROTE A POEM TO THIS BRIDE

A girl whose voice inspired ex-Lieutenant Norman Baillie-Stewart—the "Officer in the Tower"—to write a poem which he dedicated to her, has been married at Chatham.

She was Miss Marjorie Joan Stretton, of New-road, Chatham, who married Mr. George Arthur Ward, of the Mercantile Marine, at St. John's Church, Chatham.

When Baillie-Stewart was in Maidstone Gaol serving a five-years sentence for imparting military secrets to a foreign Power, Miss Stretton took part in a prison concert.

Afterwards, in the solitude of his cell, Baillie-Stewart wrote a poem which he called "The Voice."

The poem was one of several which Baillie-Stewart wrote while in prison, and which he later published.

SCOTLAND YARD HUNT FOR SIX OTHER SUSPECTS

London, To-day.

Several unusual features of procedure accompanied at Bow Street yesterday the appearance of seven men arrested in and around London. The charges were not disclosed, and the first three men were brought in separately. No one was allowed in court until the previous one had left. After this the batch of three was heard together.

A rifle and some ammunition was produced to connect some of the cases, and evidence was given of arms and ammunition being found on the premises of some of the accused.

All were remanded in custody.

The charges, revealed later, show that three men were charged with unlawful possession of arms and ammunition, and the others were charged with possession of explosives.

The charges also show that articles found in the possession of three of the men included copies of the recent Irish Republican Army proclamation. — Reuter.

SCOTLAND YARD CLUES

London, To-day.

Scotland Yard is now in possession of clues which will enable them to apprehend the persons who committed the bomb outrages in various parts of the country.

Following police raids in parts of London where there are large sections of Irish people, suspicion has been narrowed down until it rests on six persons all of whom are known to be members of the Irish Republican Army.

A description of these men have been transmitted to police stations throughout the country.

PORTS WATCHED

Special observation is being maintained at ports as it is presumed that the suspects will attempt to get across to Ireland.

It is known that four of the suspects put up at a small London hotel during the weekend and left

on Sunday without stating their destination.

Meanwhile police guards have been posted outside the London residence of the Duke of Abercorn, Governor of Northern Ireland, who is expected to arrive in London shortly.—Trans-Ocean.

ANOTHER BIRMINGHAM EXPLOSION

London, To-day.

By a new bomb explosion near Birmingham yesterday, another pylon carrying a high tension cable was damaged.

London newspapers report that two newspaper sellers have informed the police that they overheard two Irishmen saying: "All London is going to be blown up."

They were questioned at Scotland Yard and were able to give a complete description of the two men.— Trans-Ocean.

PRECAUTIONS IN LONDON NOT RELAXED

London, To-day.

Police are actively pursuing inquiries regarding the series of explosions which have occurred during the past two days, and in London special precautions are being taken to guard against further incidents.

The seven men who were arrested and who appeared separately at Bow Street Police Court yesterday afternoon on firearms charges, were remanded for a week.—British Wireless.

ANGLO-GERMAN TRADE DISCUSSIONS

LONDON, TO-DAY.

ANGLO-GERMAN TRADE RELATIONS WILL BE DISCUSSED AT AN EARLY MEETING OF THE FEDERATION OF BRITISH INDUSTRIES AND THE REICHSGRUPPE INDUSTRIEL.

It is announced that the Grand Council of the F.B.I. has approved the suggestion that official discussions should be held to facilitate negotiations between individual industries in Britain and Germany.

The Nazi organisation has been informed, and an arranged meeting is being considered.

The Council made the decision yesterday after receiving a report on informal conversations held with representatives of the Reichsgruppe before Christmas.—Reuter.

FRENCH CABINET APPROVES BONNET POLICY

Paris, To-day.

The meeting of the French Cabinet, which lasted two and a half hours, dealt exclusively with the statement of the Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bonnet, on the international situation.

It is understood that unanimous agreement was reached on all points.

Approval was also given to the main lines of the speech which M. Bonnet will make in the Chamber of Deputies, probably to-day.— Reuter.



Spectators at the U.S.R.C. last week-end. In front row, seated, can be seen Mr. Justice Lindsell and Brigadier Thomson.

News Snack Bar



SHE'S ONE IN A HUNDRED

One hundred lovely girls competed in a Venus contest for the most beautiful figure in North London at Wood Green Empire. You see the winner above—Vera Lester, aged nineteen, of Glendale-avenue, Wood Green. Her prize was a £5 note. And her parents and four brothers and sisters will have a prize, too—a sur-prize. There were unexpected Christmas gifts as a result, for Vera has been out of work following an accident.

SCOTS THIRSTY OR — ?

From 1848 to 1854 the average daily consumption of water in London for domestic purposes was only five gallons a head. To-day it is twenty-five gallons . . . The figures were given by Health Minister Elliot to Water Engineers in London last night. He added that the largest consumers of water in these islands were in Scotland. There the total supply in some places was from fifty up to seventy gallons a head.

Well, it's not what they put in their whisky.

ONE-TREE GARDENER

Colonel F. H. Brown, of Reydon, near Southwold (Suffolk), has been appointed an unpaid gardener with the sole duty of looking after the Cornish elm which the King planted at his Southwold boys' camp in 1936. Colonel Brown asked for the job so that he could safeguard the tree from souvenir hunters.

GALE HEROISM AWARDS

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution has awarded six medals and four yellums to life-boatmen for their gallantry in the great gale of November 23. Silver medal, three bronze medals and yellums go to the New Brighton crew. They rescued the crew of three of the fishing boat Progress and the crew of four of the schooner Lochranza Castle.

TWO ROYAL COURTS IN LENT

The King and Queen will hold two courts at Buckingham Palace during Lent, before they leave for their tour of Canada and the United States. Two more Courts will be held after their return in the summer.

FATHERS TOLD OF "SILLY AGE"

Advice to fathers is given by Headmaster R. W. Hill, of Dorchester Grammar School.

He talked of the age when lads especially need sound advice from their dads—the "silly age" between thirteen and fifteen.

"Boys cannot be driven at this age. They must be led," said Mr. Hill.

"It is a great thing for any boy if his father will, so to speak, live the boy's life with him, interesting himself in his work and games and hobbies, at the same time being quite firm in order to counteract foibles with sympathy and common sense."

Dealing with school-leaving, Mr. Hill declared that "we must still encourage the spirit of adventure. Let the boy stand on his own feet."

"There is to-day much more done to make a boy with limited means comfortable in the big cities."

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FATS FROM THE SEA

Experiments to see whether albumin and fats can be obtained from the sea have been carried out by the German research ship Makrele. The idea is to utilise those forms of sea-life known as plankton, which consist of microscopically small animals and plants. These when dried are rich in albumin, fats and carbohydrates, and are as nutritious as prime meat.

For many years Germany has suffered from a serious shortage of fats.

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FRUIT EATERS

Britain imports more fresh and canned fruit than any other country, according to an Imperial Economic Committee statement.

During 1935-37 average annual imports gave the United Kingdom the lead in: Apples, 306,000 tons; pears, 59,000 tons; oranges, 539,000 tons; grapefruit, 60,000 tons; and raisins and currants, 125,000 tons.

For lemons and grapes, this country, with imports of 58,000 tons and 40,000 tons respectively, took second place to Germany.

The United States swept the board for bananas, imports during this three-year period totalling 1,199,000 tons. Next came the United Kingdom with 308,000 tons.

In recent years there has been an increase in exports of bananas, grapefruit and canned fruit, particularly from Empire countries.

The Spanish war gave the Empire its chance to capture the orange trade—and it has done so.

IDLE HUMOUR

Humour seems all at a standstill in London police courts:

Motorist at Islington: If the stationary lorry had been going at a proper speed this accident would not have happened.

Motorist at Tottenham: My wife seemed to have the car at last well under control. That is to say, we were definitely at a standstill.

Motorist at Hammersmith: The lights turned to green, but all the "go" seemed to go out of my car.

GAOL SNOB FANS

In Bedford prison library is a much-thumbed, ancient edition of Debrett's Peerage.

Long-term prisoners have read it so thoroughly that they know more about England's aristocracy than leading society columnists.

This story is told in the 1939 edition of Debrett's.

Society columnists, of course, do not have the same facilities for study.

LEAGUE BUDGET "CUT" 20 p.c.

League of Nations' budget for 1940 should be 20 per cent. lower than that of 1939 (which amounted to about £1,500,000). The "cut" is recommended by the Budget Committee.

All they need is cash enough to keep the League dream in existence until sanity returns to Europe.

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WORLD TRADE SLUMPS

World trade turnover in the second quarter of this year was 12½ per cent. LESS in volume and 16 per cent LESS in value compared with the corresponding period of last year . . . according to figures published in Berlin.

Despite Britain's comparatively good position, there is no reason to doubt these figures. America's slump and the wars in Spain and China—have been the chief causes.

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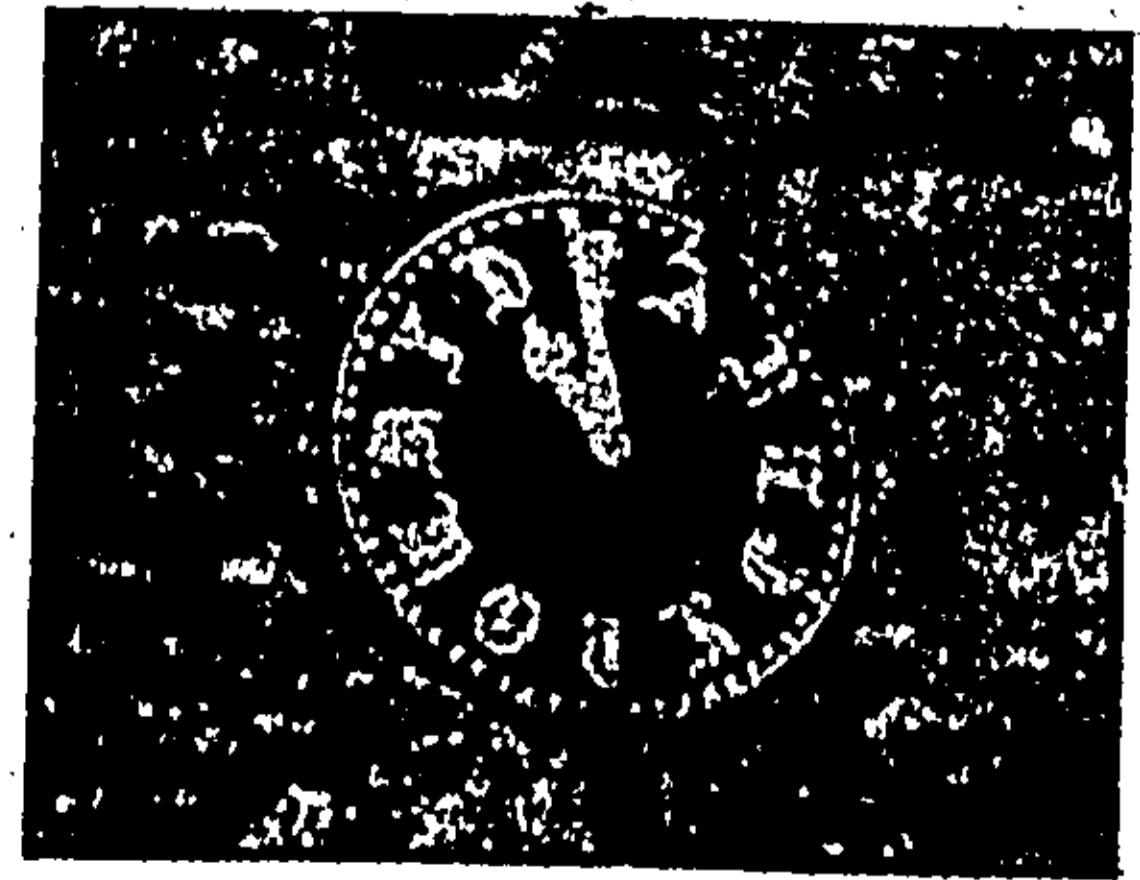
DAIRY SCIENCE HAS NEW CENTRE

Dairy research experts throughout Empire are to pool their knowledge for the Empire's benefit, under the title of Imperial Bureau of Dairy Science, at Shinfield, near Reading. It is being financed co-operatively by the Governments of the British Empire.

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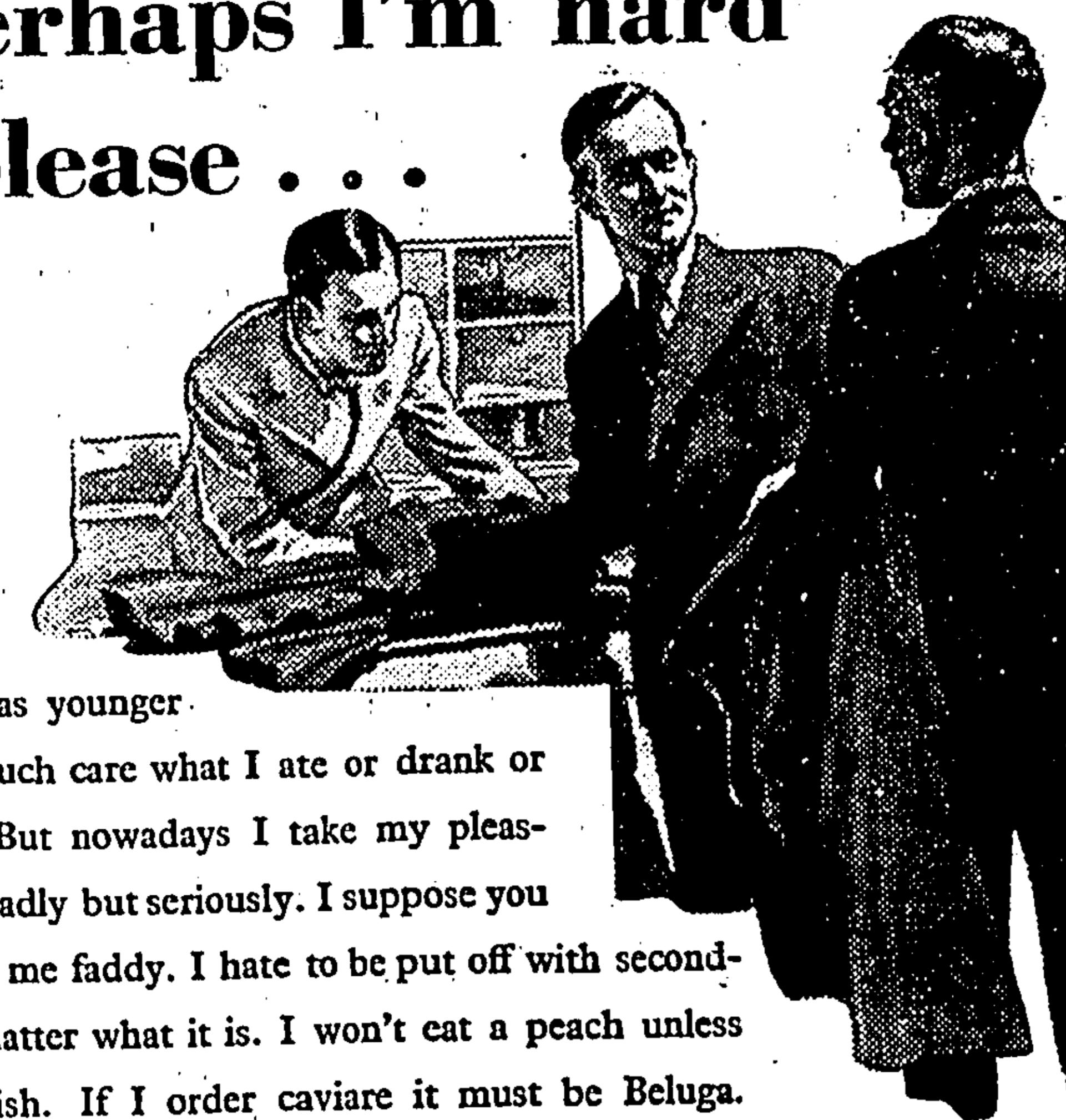
THEIR LIGHT HAS FAILED THEM

After enjoying electric light, the village of Mathry, near Fishguard, Pembrokeshire, has had to revert to candles and oil lamps. The owner of the electric plant has died, and it has been removed to Solva, three miles away.



A boy's best friend is his mother . . . and as a dutiful son grows to manhood he grows also in gratitude. So when Mr. W. W. Whitley, the squire of Buckland-in-the-Moor, Devon, gave this clock to the village church, he made sure that the passing of time should keep the memory of his mother green—by replacing the figures with letters that spell the words "My Dear Mother."

"Perhaps I'm hard to please . . .



When I was younger . . .

I didn't much care what I ate or drank or smoked. But nowadays I take my pleasures, not sadly but seriously. I suppose you would call me faddy. I hate to be put off with second-best, no matter what it is. I won't eat a peach unless it is English. If I order caviare it must be Beluga.



You see what I mean about whisky. While I can obtain a whisky as soft and smooth as a fine liqueur, why on earth should I be put off with anything less than White Horse? I admit that perhaps I am hard to please—but take it from me, it pays."

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SCARCITY OF CONSUMPTION-GOODS INDUSTRIES WILL NOT MEET DEMAND

The time is fast approaching when the consumption-goods industries in Germany, with the exception of the food trade, may be unable to meet the daily demand created by would-be purchasers.

Apart from the lack of raw materials, the preference which, under the Four-Year Plan, has to be shown to foreign export contracts is putting a severe strain on manufacturers.

The chief difficulties in the Christmas budgets of German households were presented by the scarcity of dairy produce.

While prices as a whole have not recently varied greatly, there has been a noticeable decline in the available supply of butter, eggs, veal and pork. The price of pork has risen to some extent.

Housekeeping is apt to be harassing work when, after arranging a luncheon menu and waiting for some time in a food queue, the housewife finds that there are no supplies of the meat she requires. Buying domestic supplies is liable to become a kind of foraging expedition, on which one hastily snaps up a pound or two of whatever happens to be on sale at the time.

It is impossible for a butcher to receive orders in advance. He never knows from one day to the next what meat he will be in a position to sell.

BUTTER RATION CARDS

There has been little change of late in the situation as regards butter, for which ration cards are still issued. While the amount allowed per head varies from time to time and from place to place, the usual ration per week amounts to about 6oz or 6½oz per person.

The butter is, however, of poor quality and has a pale, unappetising appearance. White specks are occasionally to be found in it.

Eggs are now extremely scarce and almost all those available are imported. Restaurants in fashionable streets frequently by foreigners can still produce eggs, though they are rarely conspicuously fresh.

The seem to come from almost every country in Europe, or even from the Argentine.

As promised by Field-Marshal Goering, Commissioner for the Four-Years' Plan, less maize flour is now mixed into bread dough, with the result that bread and rolls are now somewhat whiter than hitherto. To compensate for the absence of maize, however, adulteration with potato flour has increased, so that little improvement in flavour or consistency has been achieved.

AVERAGE PRICES

The following lists shows prices prevailing in average Berlin shops at the moment. The mark has been calculated at the par rate of 20 to the £, which gives a fairer view of the situation than the present exchange rate of 12 to the £. German pounds have been converted into English pounds.

Milk, poor quality, 1¾d per pint.

Bread, off white, 2¾d per pound.

Eggs, foreign, 1½d each. Pork, scarce, 1s 7d per pound. Veal, scarce, 1s 7d per pound. Apples, 8d to 8½d per pound. Tomatoes, 5½d per pound.

Butter, rationed and adulterated, 1s 6d per pound. Lettuce, scarce, 3d each. Potatoes, ½d per pound. Flour, adulterated, 3d per pound.

Oranges, usually unobtainable, 8½d each.

A circumstance which is adversely affecting poor families this winter is that the price of coal has

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S IN GERMAN SHOPS

The Indian Tigress, arrived at the Lion House at London Zoo from Antorium, where she had been two years. Sheila home finds a woodchuck she guards jealously against intruders.

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R SALARIES

ing the above prices remembered that Germany are considerably higher than in England. This is offset by the fact that generally low compared with London or British towns.

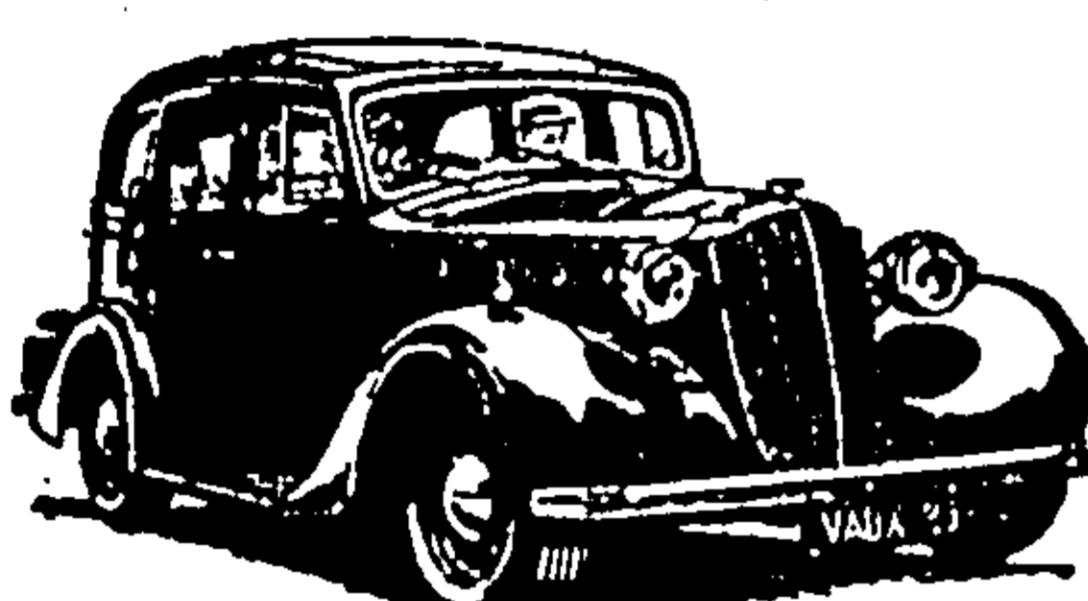
is frequently heard that the Berliner regards with the wry humour he is famous. I have described as "a subversive people had to spread in the bad old days of the system."



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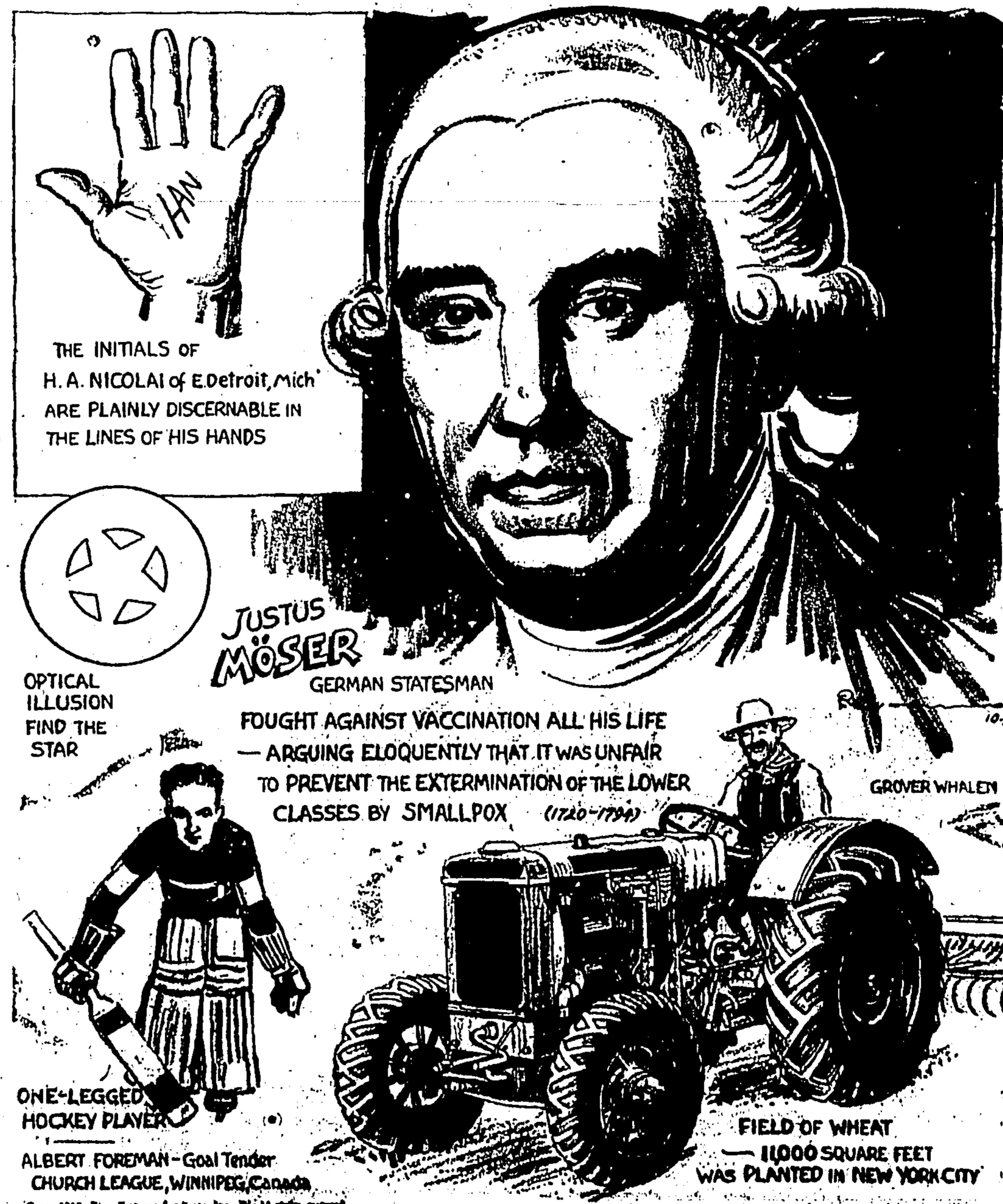
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"BELIEVE IT OR NOT" by Robert L. RIPLEY





ABOVE, Elsa Schiaparelli, always the breaker of conventions, uses ruffles as they have never been used before in her dress of pale blue artificial crepe. A ruffed flounce of black tulle lace extends to form a train. The same lace is used for the glove and headdress.

Worth, Paquin, Lanvin, Schiaparelli, Lelong—the brightest stars in the Parisian fashion firmament—have created their most striking gowns for the new Jack Benny-Joan Bennett musical comedy, "Artists and Models Abroad," which Paramount will present at the Queen's and Alhambra next week. TOP LEFT, Worth presents an evening gown of "tulipe noire" velvet with a daring one-shoulder drapery. Lavish highlights of gold embroidery are in keeping with the aristocratic tone of the costume. TOP RIGHT, "Monkey Business" might well be the title of this gown by Paquin. It is white silk organdy trimmed with spectacular bands of monkey fur. ABOVE, the Lanvin-gowned bride is a sensation in blush-pink tulle with clusters of silver stars and sequins. Note the exotic silver headdress.

ABOVE, A wide, flaring hem of black Chantilly lace is the most prominent feature of Lelong's creation in white silk organdy. The lace about the shoulder is wired to give emphasis to the detail. One further piece of evidence that the good old days are back is the lace fan.

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A baby's first "toys" are his own fingers and toes. About three-four months real toys in the form of a rattle, bone ring or a rubber dumbbell should be given him.

Everything is tasted for approval, so must be perfectly safe and kept very clean.

Six to Nine Months.—Baby is promoted to floor exercise, so toys that encourage him to crawl and roll, turn over and kick, are good, i.e., a bright rubber ball, small-coloured rubber animals, such as a tiny rabbit or cat.

Nine Months to a Year.—Toys that can be banged together. There is a particular rather complicated rattle which takes to pieces. Soft animals of any kind.

Sixteen Months.—Push-and-pull-along toys, such as a firm horse on wheels or a little truck.

Eighteen Months.—Baby will enjoy "fitting" toys, such as a pyramid, fitting cubes, bricks that you can build up for him to knock down. Girls begin to like a small doll's pram.

Second Birthday.—The climbing frame is a really good investment; rather expensive to buy, but slightly cheaper if made by the local carpenter. It exercises all the muscles and lasts for several years.

What The Stars Foretell

By MARY BLAKE

An urge to meddle will upset many a person's prospect to make advantageous financial arrangements this day. It will be a wise policy to attend strictly to one's own business. In domestic circles some outside influence, possibly gossip, causing jealousy or suspicion, may be a disturbing factor and a disruptor of harmonious conditions. Look on the bright side of things this day, if discouragement is to be prevented from handicapping your activities. Someone is apt to give you gratifying proof of love and devotion in a very unspectacular way. Radical measures are likely to be very disastrous this day, and should be avoided regardless of how strong personal resentment might be. Married and engaged couples, as well as those who are in love, cannot afford to be too independent if they wish to remain free of worries.

If a woman and January 19 is your birthday, this ought to be your lucky day and some meritorious action on your part may win for you a great amount of praise. You are probably decidedly intellectual, very artistic and full of ambition. It may take you a little time to find the type of work that is congenial and fits in with your plans, but once you have found it, your progress is likely to be very rapid. As an interior decorator, restaurant manager, educator, entertainer, dancer, musician or writer you may be successful and make much money. You and the man you marry should be very happy together.

The child born on January 19, has frequently an exceptionally happy disposition, a longing for knowledge and a talent for music or acting. The future seems to hold a great deal of good fortune for this youngster, and he will be well liked by his associates.

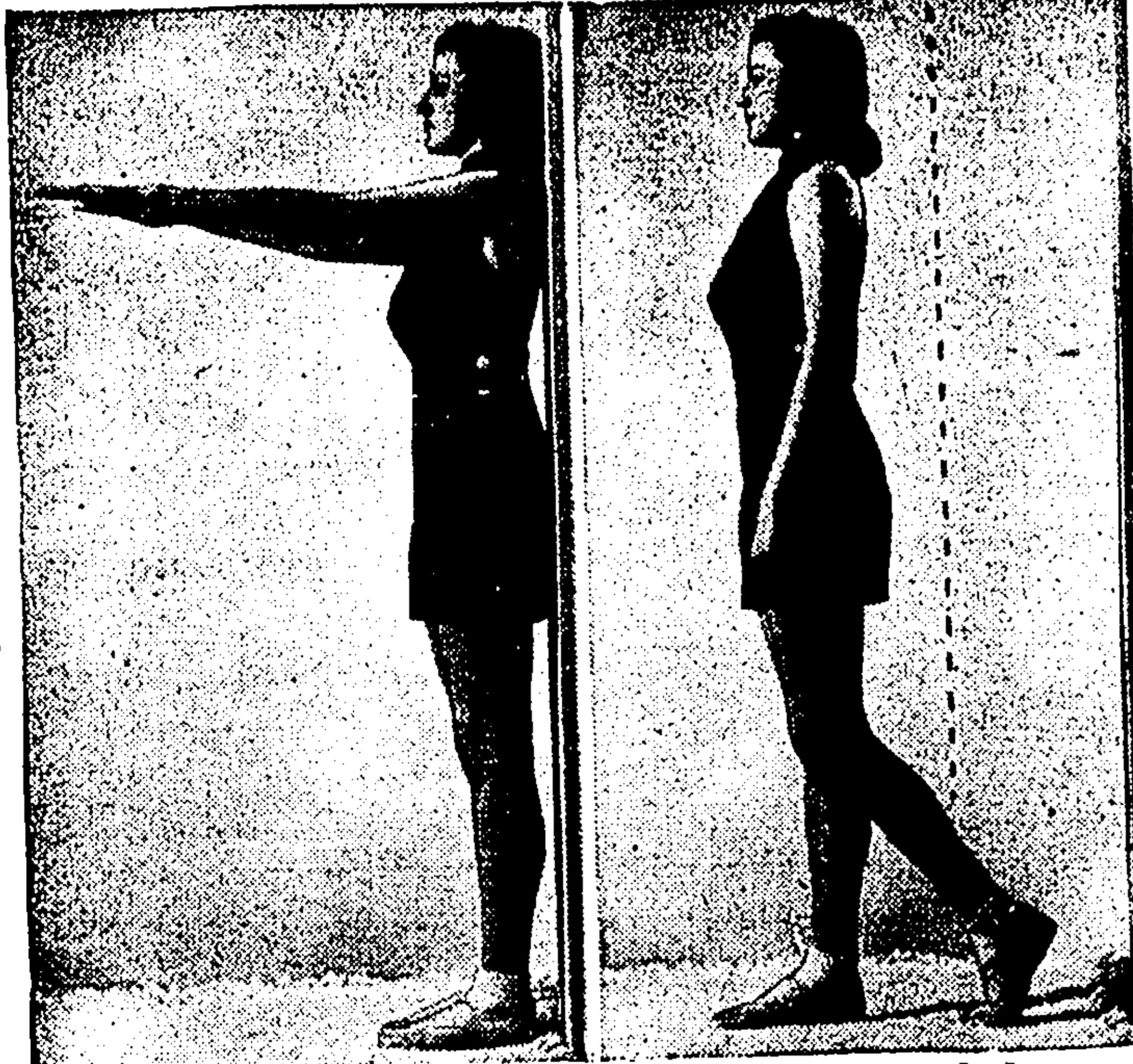
Kitty Kitty



She thinks the ideal one-man band is a wedding band.

Beauty and You

by PATRICIA LINDSAY



ELEANOR HANSEN is standing against the wall, as you should stand. Heels away, shoulders and head touching, chest high and abdomen in. Notice what a pretty chin line it gives her!

CONSTANT GOOD POSTURE ESSENTIAL

Without good posture you cannot hope to have perfect poise. And I mean good posture at all times—when you are walking, sitting or doing other things. The only exception is when you recline. It is even necessary for you to keep in good posture while you exercise, for otherwise you are taxing some muscles and neglecting others.

There is nothing quite so conducive to a woman's attractiveness than an easy, erect carriage of graceful movements. Men cannot resist watching a woman of poise!

Our outstanding belles of social life and the stage or screen, have learned this secret, and much of the stir they create is due to the poise they have mastered! Their clothes look like a million dollars (when they may not have cost much more than yours) because their well-proportioned bodies and simple grace set what they wear apart from other fashions.

WHY NOT BE A BELLE?

You, too, can master this fascinating poise with a little determination. Begin by correcting your posture consciously, against a wall, and keep it ever in mind until standing and sitting correctly becomes an unconscious habit. That is the way it is done!

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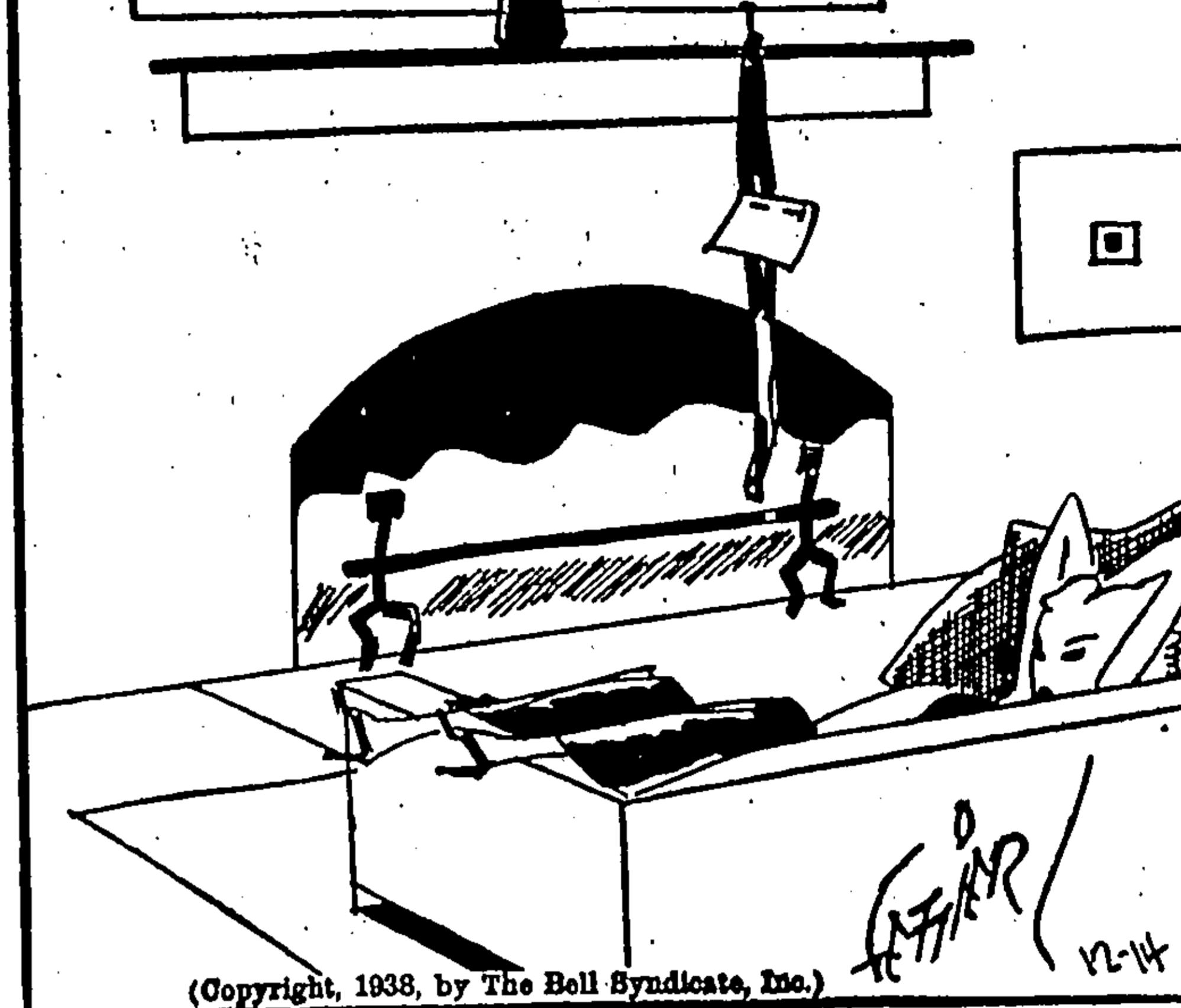
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AND	
Choice of:	
Clear coffee or tea with little lemon	—
Total calories for breakfast	250
Tall girl allowed	350
Note: If you feel hungry the middle of the morning drink one ordinary glass of tomato juice.	
DINNER	
Small sirloin steak broiled 2" x 1 1/2" x 3/4" (1 piece only)	100
1/3 cup cooked lima beans	100
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SANTHIA	8,000	2nd Feb.	Japan.
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Straits and Europe via Suez (Papers etc.) — London date, 22nd December and London Parcels — London date, 15th December 1938.	Ranchi	January 19.
Streets	Tegelberg	January 19.
Australia and Manila	Kamo Maru	January 19.
Japan and Shanghai	Carthage	January 19.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan — (San Francisco date, 24th December)	Pres. Harrison	January 21.
Swatow	Yochow	January 21.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service" — San Francisco date, 11th January.	Pan American Airways plane	Jan. 21.
U.S.A., Honolulu Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 30th December 1938).	Pres. Pierce	January 21.
Shanghai	Victoria	January 21.

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Ord., Thur., Jan. 19, 5.00 p.m.	G.P.O.
Reg., Thur., Jan. 19, 5.00 p.m.	Reg., Thur., Jan. 19, 7.00 p.m.
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Fort Bayard, and Hoihow	Kingyuan
Haiphong	Canton
Japan	Hosang
Saigon	Helikon
Air Mail for "Air France Service" — due Marseilles 5th February.	Helikon
Reg., Jan. 20, 4.30 p.m.	G.P.O. and K.P.O.
Ord., Jan. 20, 5 p.m.	Reg., Jan. 20, 5.30 p.m.
SATURDAY	
Sandakan	Hinsang
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Ord., Jan. 21, 10 a.m.	Reg., Jan. 21, 9.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt, Malta and Europe via Marseilles — due Marseilles, 17th Jan.	Carthage
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Reg., Jan. 21, 9.45 a.m.	Par., Jan. 21, 10.30 a.m.
Ord., Jan. 21, 10.30 a.m.	Par., Jan. 21, 11 a.m.
Papers for Straits and (Parcels and Kumsang)	Papers, Jan. 21, Noon.
Papers for Calcutta.	Papers, Jan. 21, 1 p.m.
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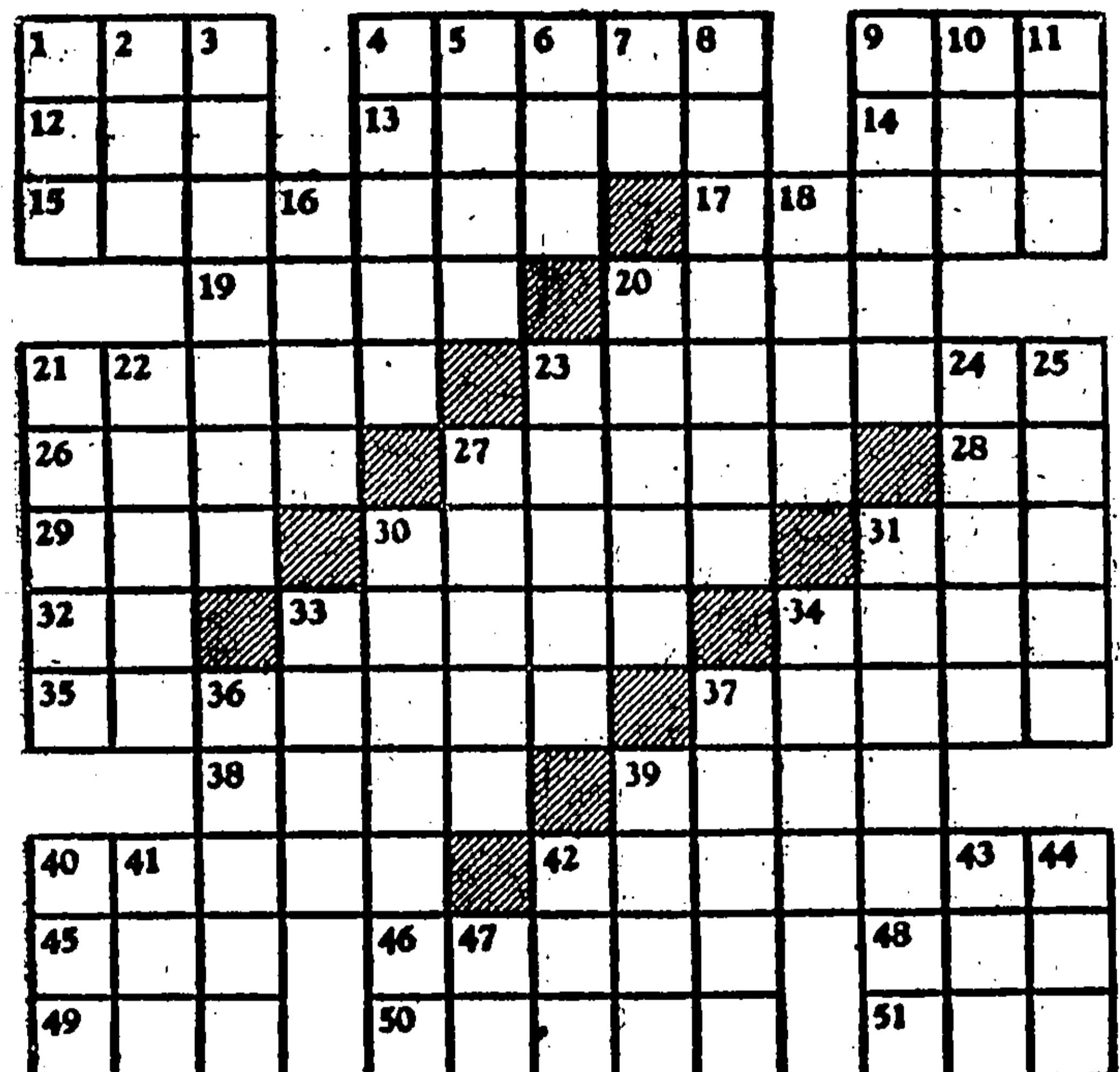
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- Heart
- Scandinavian minstrel
- Silent
- Simian
- Japanese gate
- Greek goddess
- To beguile
- Laborious student
- Ship course
- Kind of pulse
- Coating
- Felicitates
- Artifice
- Long-piled fabric
- Norse deity
- Festival
- Web
- Softly
- Pronoun
- Finnish island
- Hardened mites
- Church stipend
- Studied hard
- Meadows
- Inexperienced

40 In spirited opposition

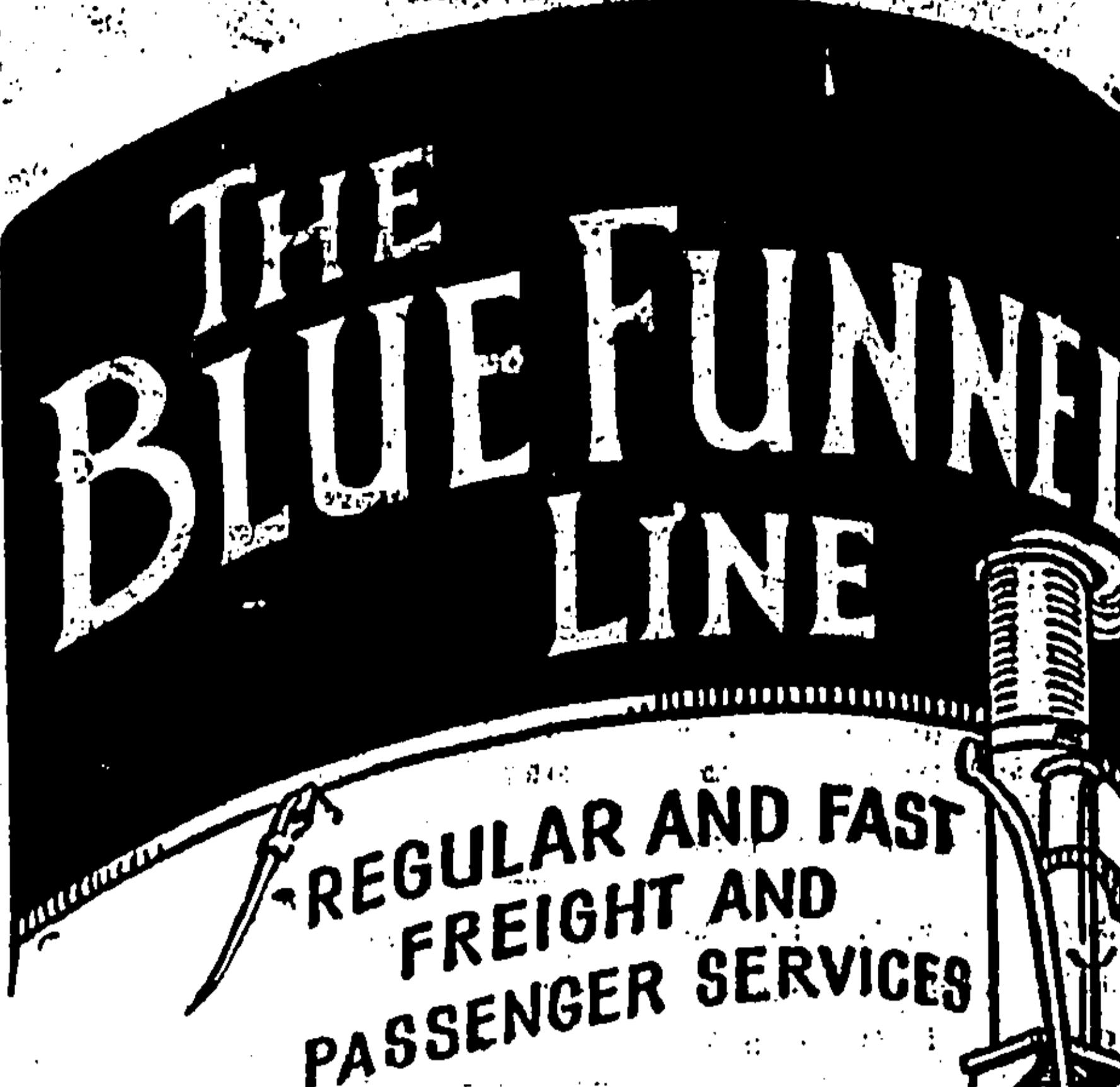
- To link
- Great expanse
- Panegyric
- Deer
- Precedence
- Ex-vice president
- Japanese coin

VERTICAL

- Vulgar fellow
- Poetic: to unclose
- Solitary
- To be sparing
- Recess in mountain
- Land measure
- Chinese measure
- To wander
- Disable
- Grave
- Uncontrollable
- Knack
- Precipitate
- Adhered
- To hinder
- Governor
- Hunters' place of ambush
- To call forth
- Stitched
- Maps
- Folded
- Cavalry men
- Son of Adam
- To invent
- Man's name
- Scourges
- Booth
- Viper
- Chinese shrub
- To intimidate
- College in Iowa
- Number
- French article

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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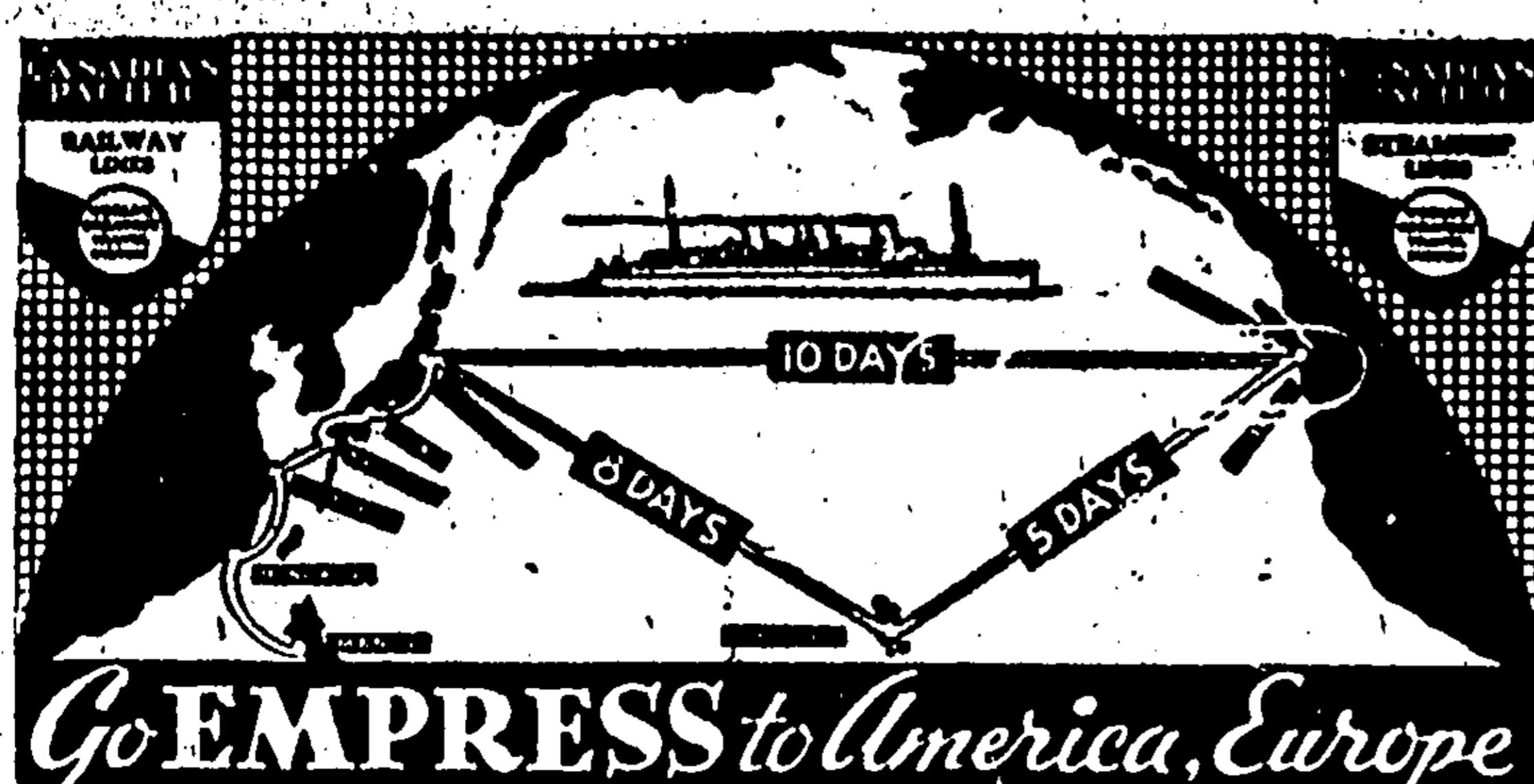
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Scores:

C. N. da Silva and R. Marques (Recreio).	
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beat W. Knox and L. Avery ..	21—8
beat A. N. Other and S. Broadbridge ..	21—14
M. M. Soares and H. F. Gonsalves (Recreio).	
beat Gibson and Darby ..	21—4
beat Knox and Avery ..	21—5
beat A. N. Other and Broadbridge ..	21—11
J. E. de Sousa and C. C. Pereira (Recreio).	
beat Gibson and Darby ..	21—16
beat Knox and Avery ..	21—6
lost to A. N. Other and Broadbridge ..	15—21

WANDERERS WIN

Griffiths and Manuel (S. and S. Home).	
lost to E. S. Ho and C. F. Yung ..	5—21
lost to J. S. Ho and S. L. Cheung ..	11—21
lost to E. Zimmern and F. Zimmern ..	18—21
Nicholson and Cusack (S. and S. Home).	
lost to Ho and Yung ..	8—21
lost to Ho and Cheung ..	18—21
beat Zimmern and Zimmern ..	21—8
Walker and Thom (S. and S. Home).	
lost to Ho and Yung ..	10—21
lost to Ho and Cheung ..	5—21
beat Zimmern and Zimmern ..	21—5

"LOST" HOUSE FOUND

Workmen's Discovery

The return of Kassa to Hungary has been followed by the discovery of Rakoczi's Turkish house, which disappeared mysteriously from the museum before it could be reconstructed.

During the restoration of a house in Kassa workmen found thirty iron cases in the cellar, containing parts of ceilings, plaster reliefs, wainscots, etc., which were identified as the lost parts of the wooden house, or houses, which Rakoczi inhabited when he finally settled down to exile in Tekirdag (Rodosto), in 1720.

The plan of restoring the house in its original form in Kassa has been abandoned owing to the condition of the material, and it is probable that the remains may be built into the Rakoczi church in Budapest.

Rakoczi was a fervent Catholic, and had small chapel among the little buildings which contained his dining-room, bedroom, and study.

This chapel, which was connected with the other rooms by a covered passage, has remained intact, and the Lord Mayor of Budapest hopes to arrange for its return from Rodosto to Hungary.

The chapel stands untouched since Rakoczi's death. The vaulted ceiling is decorated with blue and white cedar squares put up by Rakoczi himself, and the picture of the Madonna over the altar is also the work of the great Hungarian patriot.

The carved candlesticks, however, on which Rakoczi spent much time and labour, are said to have been taken to Sofia by the Tsar Ferdinand as a souvenir.

A FASCIST INDEX

Rivalling the Catholic Index, a Fascist Index is to be drawn up of books to be banned from sale in Italy on political grounds, according to an official announcement.

"A list will be compiled," the announcement states, "of all those books which are not worthy to belong to the spiritual property of Italy because they betray the great heritage of ideals which Fascism powerfully defends and renovates."

"The books indicated will have to be withdrawn from sale in any form."

It is stated that a first list of books to be banned is already under consideration.

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INTERNATIONAL COTTON CONFERENCE

Washington, To-day. According to the Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Henry A. Wallace, the Administration is tentatively considering an international conference of cotton-growing nations on how to dispose of their surplus cotton stocks.

The statement was made following a White House conference which Senator Bankhead had arranged after Tuesday's inconclusive meeting of cotton Senators.

The latter are expected to resume the discussions later this week.

No decisions were reached at the White House conference except that cotton was a serious problem.

NOT TOO SANGUINE

In New York there is mixed comment in cotton circles in connexion with the prospective results of an international cotton conference, with the majority not too sanguine.

Meanwhile, Mr. Henry Wallace, at a press conference, stated he would welcome conferences with officials of other countries, but declined to say whether he would take the initiative.

The Secretary of Agriculture said there was considerable hope that similar conferences on wheat and sugar will produce good results, and he felt the same would hold true for cotton.—Reuter.

BRADMAN'S LATEST

Melbourne, To-day. Don Bradman established a new record yesterday, when he equalled C. B. Fry's record of scoring centuries in six successive matches.

Since his return from England Bradman has played in only six first class matches, but has scored a total of 914 runs, with an average of 182.8. His highest score was 225 against Queensland.

C. B. Fry cabled Bradman: "Respectful congratulations, but we all gave you best years ago."—Reuter.

NEW RACING YACHT LAUNCHED

The Golden Dragon For Fastnet Event

Friends of Mr. H. S. Rouse, of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, gathered at the Wing On Shing shipyard yesterday for the launching of his new sailing yacht, Golden Dragon. Her mission is the Fastnet race in August.

Mrs. Rouse performed the christening ceremony, and, to the chatter of a string of fireworks, the Golden Dragon glided down the slipway, resting on the water just as the final great crack exploded. She takes her place as one of the trimmest craft on Hong Kong waters.

Though the Fastnet race—which covers about 600 miles in a course from Cowes, round Fastnet Rock, off the south-west coast of Ireland, and back to Cowes—is the Golden Dragon's main objective, Mr. Rouse hopes to have her unshipped in England and ready in time for the Harwich to Bremerhaven race of about 380 miles, which begins on May 28. She will be shipped soon after the departure of Mr. Rouse and his wife for England, which will take place in a few months.

HORE-BELISHA "NOT SEEKING NEW SEAT"

Mr. Hore-Belisha, Secretary for War, has denied that there was any truth in a report that he was seeking a new constituency near London.

He has been Liberal National M.P. for the Devonport division of Plymouth since 1923.

"There is absolutely no foundation whatever for the report," he said. "It is entirely unwarranted."

MIXED FOURSOMES AT FANLING

The Draw

The following is the draw for the first round of the Mixed Foursomes Competition arranged by the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club for Fanling:

Byes into Second Round:

Brig. and Mrs. Thomson (16 and 20) v. Lt. Col. and Mrs. Rose (9 and 32). W. Woodward and Mrs. Goldman (15 and 28) v. Capt. and Mrs. Harvey (9 and 19).

N. L. and Mrs. Smith (11 and 36). First Round:

Major and Mrs. Williams (20 and 29) v. D. J. and Mrs. Valentine (15 and 36).

Major and Mrs. Whithead (24 and 29) v. Major and Mrs. Webb (10 and 24).

T. R. and Mrs. Rowell (18 and 36) v. J. B. Mackie and Mrs. Henry (7 and 19).

Lt. Col. and Mrs. Matthews (16 and 36) v. A. E. and Mrs. Lissaman (3 and 22).

I. P. Tamworth and Mrs. Mackie (3 and 36) v. Capt. and Mrs. Moody (17 and 26).

Col. and Miss King (7 and 22) v. H. and Mrs. Overy (20 and 26).

Byes into Second Round:

A. and Mrs. Nichol (18 and 31).

G. R. and Mrs. Razavet (20 and 34) v. R. E. and Mrs. Lindsell (12 and 19).

W. and Mrs. Mulcahy (13 and 28) v. L. Goldman and Mrs. Woodward (8 and 22).

Handicaps as above throughout. Strokes as on cards. Three-eighths difference in combined handicaps. To be played on the New Course, or, by mutual arrangement, on the Old Course in mid-week. Subscribers cannot play on Sundays and holidays.

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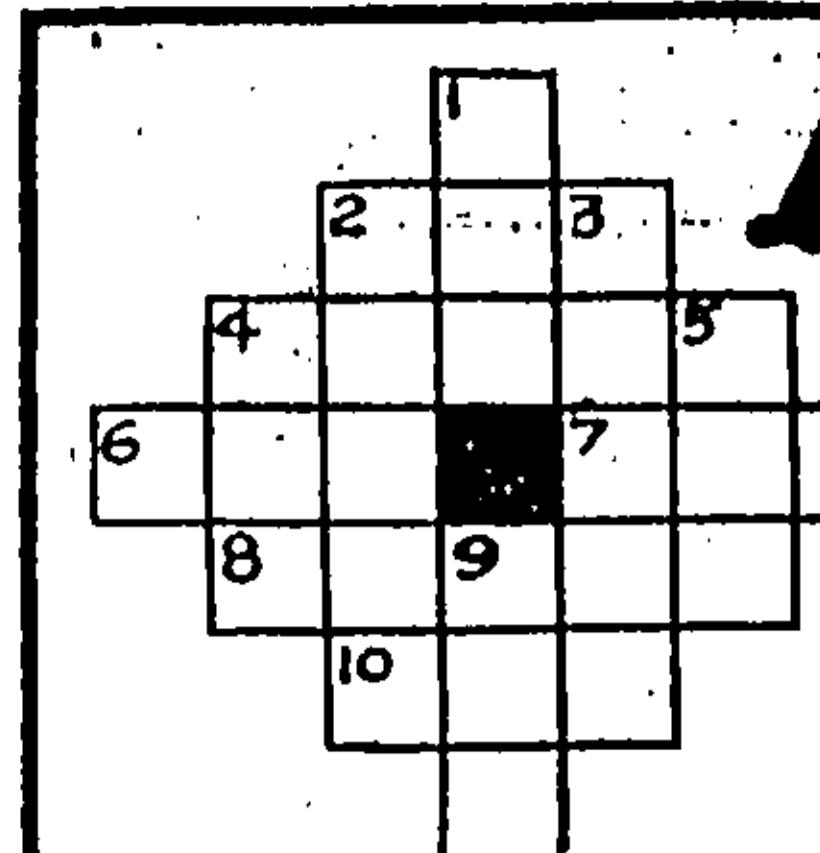
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CHILDREN'S PUZZLE



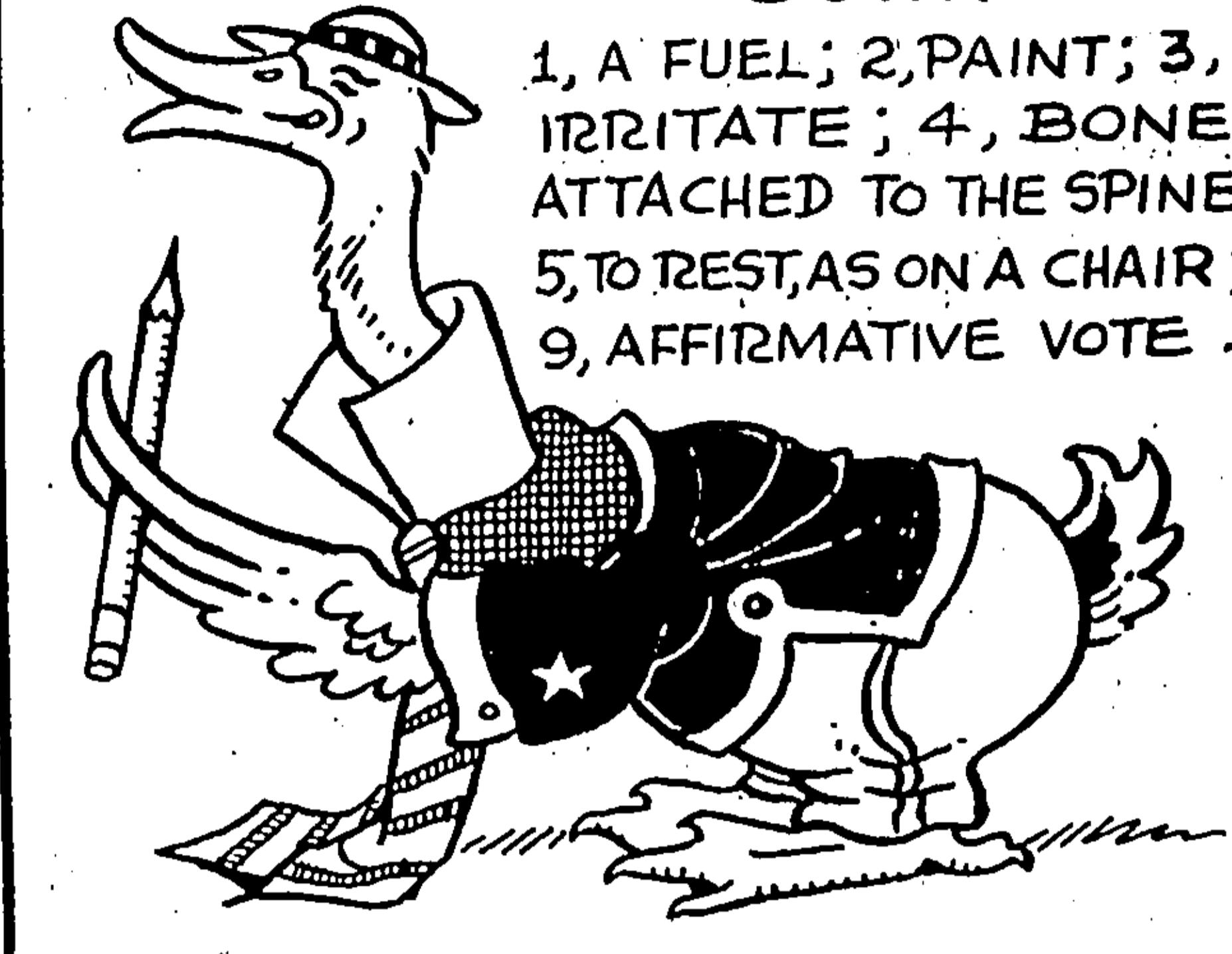
A JUNIOR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

ACROSS

2, PET ANIMAL; 4, FLOWERS; 6, NOTH-
ING; 7, ILLNESS; 8, BRAG; 10, A BEVERAGE.

DOWN

1, A FUEL; 2, PAINT; 3,
IRRITATE; 4, BONE
ATTACHED TO THE SPINE;
5, TO REST AS ON A CHAIR;
9, AFFIRMATIVE VOTE.



Answer to-morrow.

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

Cross word solution—

S	T	E	M
T	I	R	E
E	R	I	N
M	E	N	U

SANTO DOMINGO AND JEWS

Amsterdam, To-day. Reports from London to the effect that the Government of the Dominican Republic (Santo Domingo) have offered to accept 100,000 Jews are denied by the Dominican Consulate-General here. — Trans-Ocean.

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Interport Soccer On Feb. 19

Manila Meet Colony, Combined Chinese And Rest Of The Colony

NAVY NOT KEEN ON GROUND BEING USED FOR SERIES

(By "UBIQUE")

As a result of official confirmation having been received from Manila, accepting the terms offered by the Hong Kong Football Association for a series of soccer games during the Chinese New Year Holidays, the Management Committee held a lengthy meeting last night in which details in connection with the forthcoming visit were discussed.

Mr. Wong Ka-tsung (Chairman) presided and other members present were Messrs. C. Guimgam, J. McKelvie, T. G. Stokes, R. M. Omar, Captain E. H. B. Niell, Lieut. W. Peall, Comd. Gnr. H. Cooper, and C. A. Goldenberg (Hon. Secretary).

It was decided that the Interport game be played on Chinese New Year's day instead of February 18, as previously suggested, and the game between the Combined Chinese and the Rest of the Colony will be held on February 22.

NAVY NOT KEEN

Mr. Cooper stated that the Naval recreation authorities were not in favour of all three games being staged on the Causeway Bay ground, as previously decided, but it was pointed out that that decision was made because the Causeway Bay Ground was more easily controlled and that arrangements were easier with one ground than if several grounds had been selected for the different games. Mr. Cooper undertook to apply for the necessary permission for all three games to be played there, providing the association did not arrange any more representative games on that ground.

It was also decided that prices to the Interport games would be \$2, \$1 and 50 cents and in the other games \$1.50, 80 cents and 30 cents. Service men, in uniform, or booking through their units, or the Area Sports Board, would be admitted at half-price to the uncovered stands.

LIMITED INVITATIONS

In view of the fact that Manila are receiving a percentage of the gate, it was decided to limit the number of invitations to the games and the ground committee consisting of Messrs. G. Guimgam, J. Skinner and H. Cooper was directed to draw up a list of persons to whom invitations were to be sent.

It was decided that an official dinner be held in honour of the visitors as soon after the last game as convenient and details were left to the entertainment committee composed of Messrs. J. McKelvie, C. Guimgam and T. G. Stokes.

It was also agreed that all affiliated Clubs on application accompanied by cheque, would be permitted to book any number of seats for any game before booking to the public was open.

CHARITY GAME

Prior to the discussion of Interport matters a letter was read from the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Hon. Secretary of the British Fund for Relief work, requesting that the Association stage a charity game for this cause. After some discussion for a suitable date, it was decided that a between South China and the Rest of the Colony be staged for this benefit on February 26, it being impracticable to arrange the match before that date.

The outstanding "Sunday Herald" Charity Cup game between England and Scotland was fixed for March 19, at Sookunpoo, when the League fixtures will be re-arranged to accommodate this game.

The rest of the business of the meeting was of a routine nature.

RUGBY HERE TOO

The Colony will be entertaining two ports during the Chinese New Year holidays, as the Shanghai Interport Rugby team will also be playing here against the Hong Kong Football Club, Rugby Section.

I understand that the Saigon body responsible for the probable tour of this Annamite team has already communicated with South China Athletic Association, in Hong Kong, and are now awaiting a reply.

It is sincerely hoped, however, that if the Saigon team wishes to pay another visit to these shores, it will do so after the Chinese New Year holidays or at Easter, when there will ample opportunity to entertain any visitors.

ANNAMITE SOCCER XI LATEST

(By "REFEREE")

I understand that the proposed visit of the Annamite soccer team to the Colony has been abandoned.

Negotiations, which have been proceeding were made without the knowledge that Manila had accepted Hong Kong's invitation to play here during the Chinese New Year. It is still probable that the Annamite team will visit the Colony at the end of the season.

Annamite Soccer XI's Visit Here Next Month?

MAY CLASH WITH INTERPORT

NEGOTIATIONS PROCEEDING

(By "REFEREE")

"ERRUPTIONS" are likely in Hong Kong Football circles shortly if the cabled news published by a leading Chinese sports daily is correct.

It appears that an Annamite football team is anxious to pay a visit to the Colony during the Chinese New Year holidays and that Mr. Mok Hing, who is at present in Saigon managing the South China Athletic Association touring team, has been discussing possible arrangements for a short series here during that period!

Now that Manila had officially accepted the Colony's invitation to play here, the visit of the Annamite team would only cause a congestion of fixtures and a general disruption of the Colony sports programme.

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A lineout in last Tuesday's Rugby match between the newly organised Police R.U.F.C. and Royal Scots at Sookunpoo. In this picture are seen L. Oakley (back to camera) L/Cpl. Sutherland (R. Scots), E. Wheeler, T. J. Hemmings, P. J. Cullinan, L/Cpl. Combe (R. Scots) and R. W. Jenner. ("China Mail" photo).

Club Meet Middlesex At Hockey But Have Many Weaknesses To Remedy

LEFT-WINGER AND LEADER MUST BE FOUND BEFORE T.T. GAME

(By "STICKS")

Hong Kong Hockey Club are taking every opportunity of getting their first eleven into ship-shape before their next Triangular Tournament match against the Navy, next Wednesday, and yesterday met the Middlesex Regiment at King's Park where they shared four goals.

Fortunately for Club, two of their best inside-forwards, T. S. D. Whitley and B. I. Bickford will be in the Colony until February 4, when they leave for Home and both Club's remaining important Triangular Tournament encounters take place before that date.

Both these inside forwards were in splendid fettle yesterday scoring a goal each, and both were very good ones at that. With the transfer of V. C. Bond to right-back, where he has strengthened their defence, Club have weakened their left-wing berth.

Another serious deficiency in the team is at centre-forward where Pontius, a newcomer, made an appearance yesterday. Although very fast off the mark and displaying good stickwork, Pontius proved too slow and inaccurate in the circle, where he missed two open goals. He has been playing with Club seconds, however, and should improve with more practice with the seniors.

DIVETT MISSED

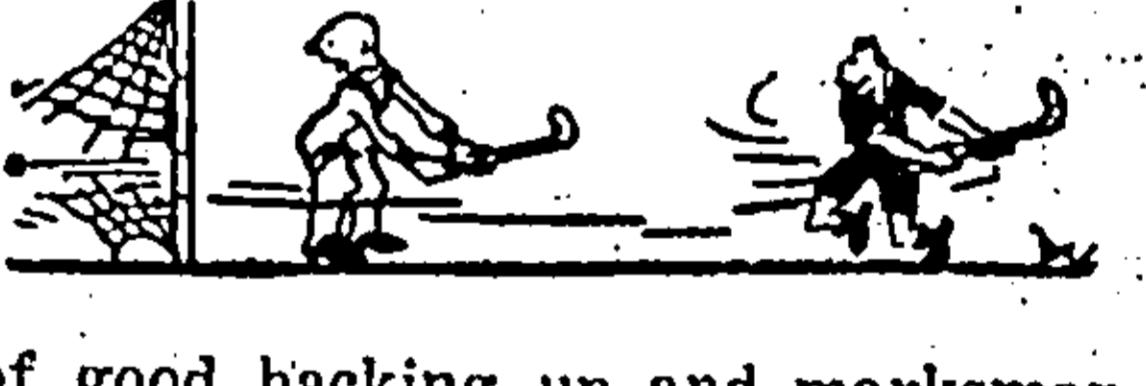
Divett's absence in the leader's position is keenly felt for although he lacked the finer touches, his thrustfulness and accurate hitting in the circle produced goals.

Middlesex fielded a fairly strong team, being best served by their inside forwards, all three of whom were very much alive and who combined very effectively.

Dunne, who plays for both European "Y" and Central British Association, performed very well at inside-right where he badly showed up E. V. Reed's weakness, when up against an accurate distributing forward, while Chattey, at inside-left, was very fast and dangerous when in possession.

FOWLER HELD

Bright, of Middlesex and Army soccer fame, made a sound leader and scored a good goal, the result



of good backing up and marksmanship.

Not much was seen of the wingers of either team and for once Sydney Fowler, the Colony and Club right-winger was unable to do anything with the ball when in possession.

He met with very stern opposition at the hands of Gorman and Courtney, Middlesex's left-back and left-half and it was the former's splendid reverse-stick work and clearances which saved the day for the Regimental team.

DEFENCE MEDIOCRE

With the exception of Bond, at right-back, and W.A. Reed, at centre-half, Club's defence gave a mediocre display and will have to improve if they hope to repeat their earlier success over the Navy.

Both Whitley and Bickford, Club's inside forwards, were in brilliant form and their clever stickwork combined with speed and swerve often carried them beyond the Regiment's rearguard, both scoring lovely goals.

Middlesex's goals were scored by Bright and Dunne.

H.K.H. Club: V. M. Benwell; V. C. Bond and E. V. Reed; H. J. D. Lowe, W. A. Reed and N. Whitley; S. A. Fowler, T. S. D. Whitley, A. H. Pontius, B. I. Bickford and R. A. Bates.

Middlesex: Pte. Boggis; Pte. Panelling and Pte. Gorman; Bds. Hymas, Pte. Abel and Pte. Courtney; Pte. Jackson, Pte. Dunne, Bds. Bright, Lt. Chattey and L/Cpl. Waldron.

FIVE FIFE TEAMS DRAWN AT HOME

Four First Division Sides Will Clash In Scottish Cup 1st Round

(By AIR MAIL)

As is often the case in the Scottish Cup first round, before the non-League clubs are disposed of, the majority of the ties are unattractive. However, there are four ties between First Division clubs, five between First and Second Division clubs, and five between Second Division clubs for Saturday.

There is a certainty of three non-League clubs entering the second round. One of these will be the winners of the Nithsdale Wanderers-Buckie Thistle tie, for which the Northern club will make the longest journey of the round—to Sanquhar.

Fife is fortunate in having the best ties of the round. All their five representatives have been drawn at home, and visitors will include both Rangers and Celtic. The former visit Raith Rovers at Kirkcaldy and the latter go to nearby Burntisland. Neither appear to be in as much danger as Partick Thistle, who visit the Second Division leaders at Cowdenbeath.

East Fife, the cupholders, have what should be a comparatively easy task before them with Montrose as visitors, while Kilmarnock, last season's defeated finalists, have non-League opposition at home.

TIES IN EDINBURGH

Edinburgh's fortunes are mixed. Hibernians have to travel to Forfar, where they scored seven goals in a Cup-tie several seasons ago, a factor being that the Hibernian players wore canvas boots on a snow-bound ground. St Bernards have to go to Dundee, but are by no means without a chance of commencing another Cup run.

Hearts are at home to the Southern Qualifying Cup winners, Penicuik Athletic, who have given a good account of themselves in the major competition before now. Leith Athletic entertain Airdrieonians, who inflicted upon the Meadowbank team their heaviest League defeat this season.

Glasgow gets three games, Clyde v. St Johnstone being the most notable. Third Lanark will have as visitors Clachnacuddin, one of the Highland clubs who have to travel. Huntly, however, have drawn a "plum" in Motherwell.

SCOTTISH CUP DRAW

The draw for the first round of the Scottish Cup-ties, to be played on Saturday, was made in Glasgow as follows:

Huntly v. Motherwell.
Edinburgh City v. Stranraer.
Kilmarnock v. Berwick Rangers.
Falkirk v. Brechin City.
Clyde v. St. Johnstone.
Leith Athletic v. Airdrieonians.
Raith Rovers v. Rangers.
Falkirk Amateurs v. Elgin City.
Forfar Athletic v. Hibernians.
Blairgowrie v. Dumbarton.
King's Park v. Babcock & Wilcox.
Alloa v. Ayr United.
Queen's Park v. St. Cuthbert's Wanderers.

Burntisland Shipyard v. Celtic.
St. Mirren v. East Stirlingshire.
Bo'ness v. Hamilton Academicals.
Dundee v. St. Bernards.
Duns v. Girvan.
Dundee United v. Stenhousemuir.
East Fife v. Montrose.
Cowdenbeath v. Partick Thistle.
Queen of the South v. Arbroath.
Aberdeen v. Albion Rovers.
Nithsdale Wanderers v. Buckie Thistle.

Third Lanark v. Clachnacuddin.
Dunfermline v. Morton.
Heart of Midlothian v. Penicuik Athletic.
Kick-off, 2.45.

INTER-HONG SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Hong Kong Electric And Anderson, Meyers Enter

A meeting of the Softball League was held at the Brook Club yesterday when two further entries to the Inter-Hong League, Hong Kong Electric and Anderson, Meyer, were accepted.

Because of the numbers in the League, it was decided that the competition should be divided into two sections.

IPSWICH CAUSE UPSET

Yesterday's Third Division Results

London, To-day. Ipswich, who are third from the bottom of the Third Division (South) yesterday caused a major upset when they beat Crystal Palace, who are at present lying second to Newport, by the odd goal in three; at home.

Yesterday's League results were:

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)		
Ipswich	2	Crystal Palace
Bournemouth	2	Torquay
THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)		
New Brighton	5	Hartlepools

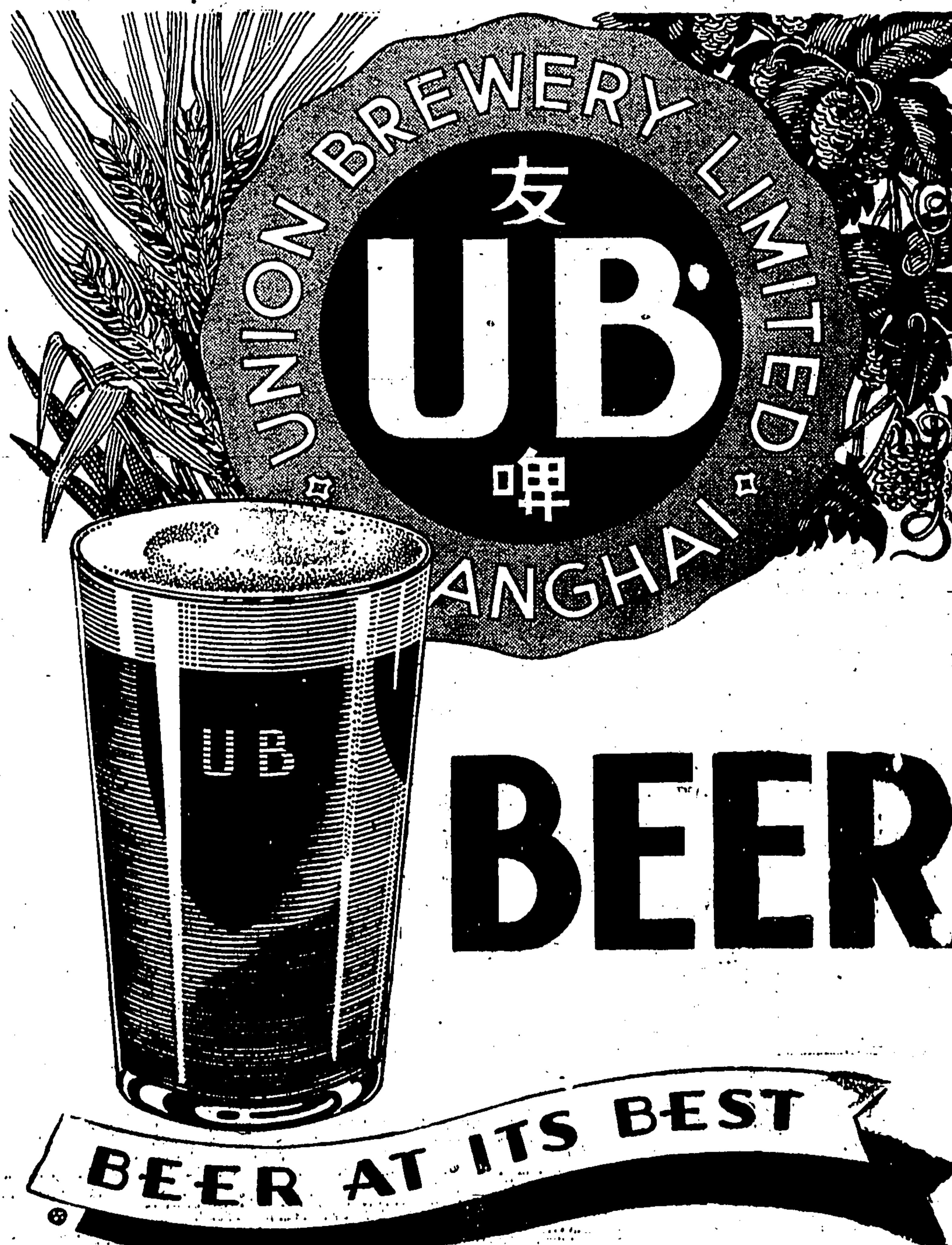
—Reuter.

LEAGUE GAME POSTPONED

The Third Division (B) match scheduled to take place between 24th Bty., R.A. and University on St. Joseph's ground yesterday, was not played.

ARMY FAIL TO APPEAR

The Rugby match between the Club and the Army, which was to have been played at Happy Valley yesterday, was cancelled owing to the non-arrival of the Army team. The Club players, who were present, had a short practice.



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**GERMANY PAYS TRIBUTE TO
LATE JIMMY GUTHRIE**

(By AIR MAIL)

Germany has erected a memorial stone on the spot where Jimmy Guthrie, the Scottish motor cyclist, crashed and received fatal injuries during the German motor cycling Grand Prix of 1937.

This gesture will be appreciated in Scotland in general, and in Hawick, Guthrie's home town, in particular, where another memorial to the famous T.T. rider was recently erected. Guthrie, over a period of years, was practically unbeatable in T.T. races in the Isle of Man and on the Continent when connected with the Norton Company.

**HOTSPUR SIGN CLACHNACUDDIN
CENTRE-HALF**

R. Maclean, the Clachnacuddin centre-half who has been on a two months trial with Tottenham Hotspur, has been signed on by that club. Since going to England, Maclean's play has impressed the management of Tottenham, and before his two months trial has expired they have secured his signature.

**FOOTBALL PLAYERS' UNION
AND JUBILEE FUND**

The Football Players' Union are anxious to know how the League Jubilee Fund is to operate, and they have addressed a letter to Mr. F. Howarth, secretary of the League, asking for

**REVISED INSTRUCTIONS
TO HANDICAPPERS**

The Stewards of the Jockey Club have made a new exception in their notice to handicappers that, until a horse has run at least three times in Great Britain, Ireland, and/or the Channel Islands, he shall be given top weight.

In the case of two-year-olds, one which has run only once or twice, but which is a winner, need not necessarily be allotted top weight.

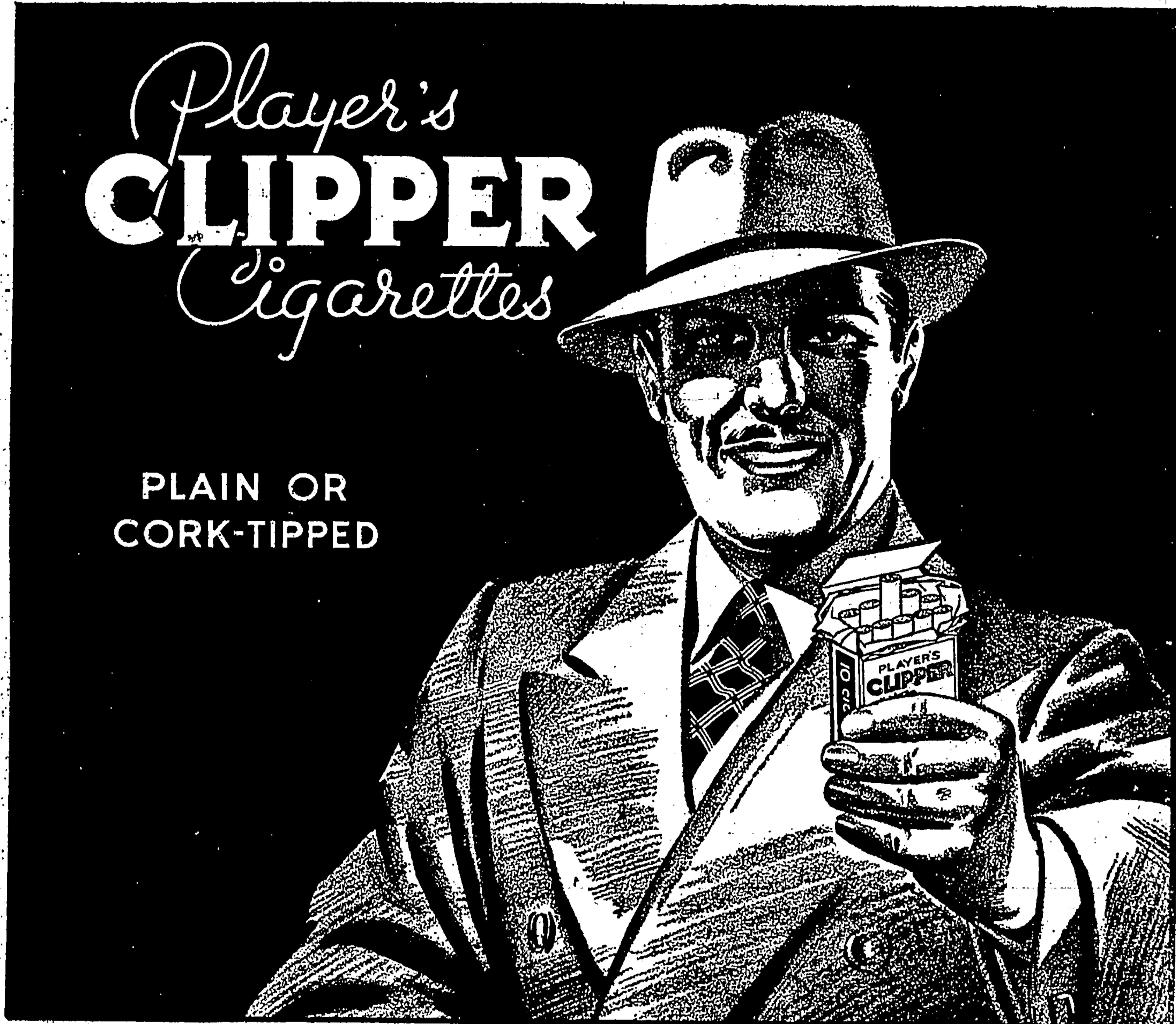
details. A request from the Union is also put forward for one of their representatives to be permitted to serve on the committee dealing with the fund.

**R.C.S. DICK UNABLE TO
PLAY FOR SCOTLAND**

**Notification To Scottish
Rugby Union**

Edinburgh, January 4.—It was officially intimated by the Scottish Rugby Union yesterday that R. C. S. Dick, the international centre-three-quarter, has notified them that owing to business reasons he will not be available for international Rugby this season.

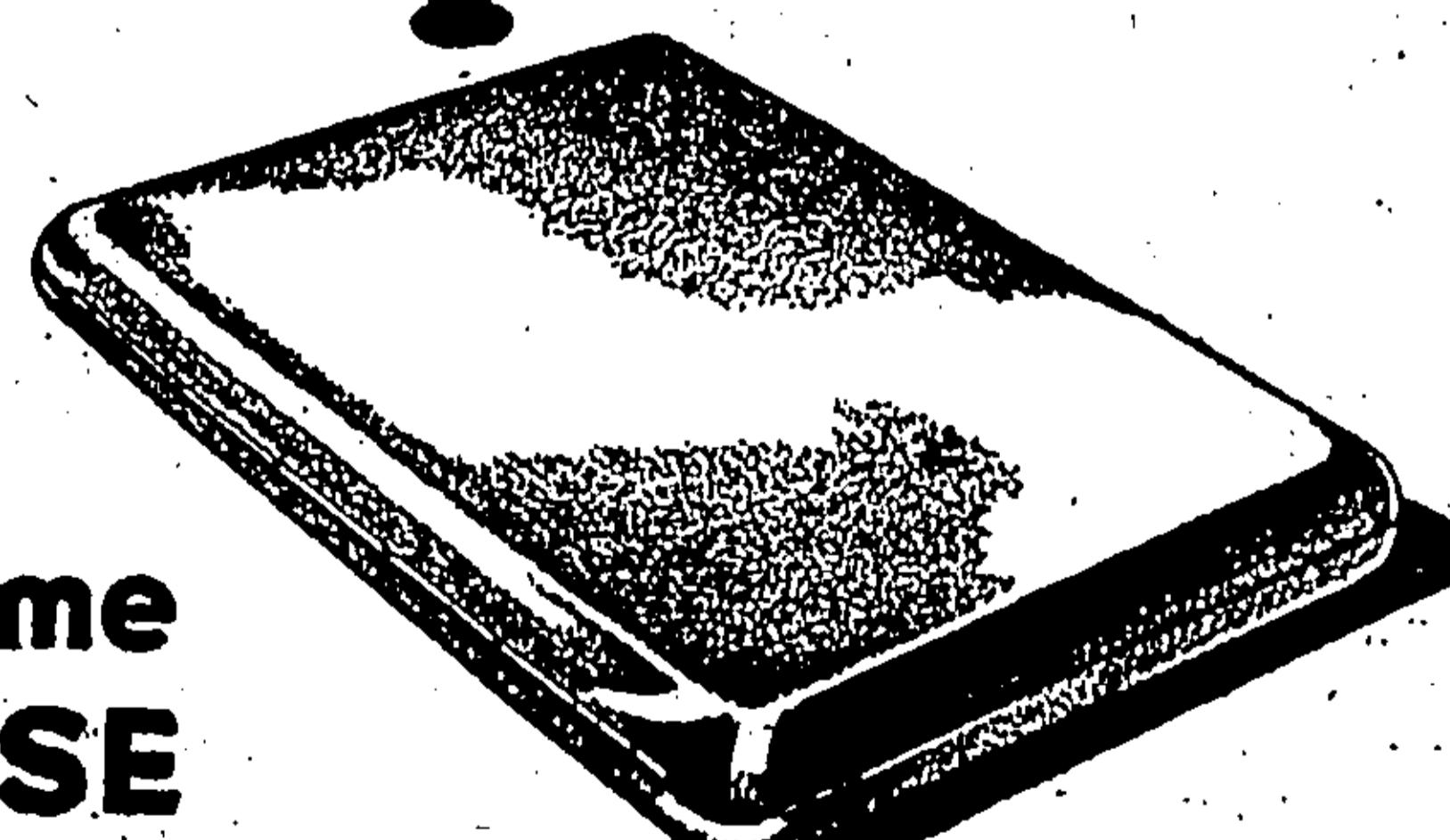
Dick, who has made fourteen appearances for Scotland since the war, recently took up an appointment at Windsor.



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Local Inter-'Varsity Match



SUTCLIFFE DEFENDS ENGLISH BOWLING

"DOPED" WICKETS BLAMED

(By AIR MAIL)

"It was the wickets not the English bowling which had caused the varying changes to cricket in the last few years," said Herbert Sutcliffe, the Yorkshire cricketer, when speaking at the annual dinner of the Hull Municipal Technical College Old Boys' Association.

He said he did not agree that the English bowling was not satisfactory. "The true spirit of cricket is a fight between bat and ball, and where we have wickets prepared so long, and chemicals are used to take the life out of them, there is going to be little hope of finishing a Test match in four days.

"The sooner the authorities take the matter up, and the groundsmen receive drastic instructions, the better it will be for the game, the players, and for the spectators."

AGREED WITH HAMMOND

People in South Africa had criticised Hammond for not declaring earlier on their "shirt front" wickets, so as to give the South Africans a chance of studying the England bowling. Personally, he agreed with Hammond's late declaration.

Remarking, "You know as well as I do that my days of playing for Yorkshire are numbered," Sutcliffe, who has represented the County for twenty seasons, said that success was a hard taskmaster. Nothing would convince him that the Australians were as good as England during the last series of Tests. They did not have the blending which the English side possessed. and we should never have a better chance of winning the rubber than last year.

CAMBRIDGE OARSMEN WHO WERE MISSING

(By AIR MAIL)

Three old Blues—Alan Burrough, president; A. M. Turner, secretary; and J. L. L. Savill—had the unusual experience of being called upon to row when the Cambridge crews resumed boat-race practice.

Three oarsmen who had been warned to come into residence failed to appear, and in consequence other men had to be found. Burrough, Turner, and Savill were included in "A" crew, stroked by E. B. M. Mitchell, and "B" crew led by C. B. Sandford, last year's spare man.

The practice was of a light character, and no serious rowing was called for during the journey to Ditton and back.

Oxford Hold Out Against Good Cambridge Attack

WHATMAN AND BARROW IN BIG STAND

(By "ADREM")

One of the warmest days experienced by Hong Kong for some time did not detract from the keenness or enjoyment of the annual battle between the local representatives of Oxford and Cambridge Universities, played on the Club ground yesterday afternoon and which resulted in a draw.

Among Oxford's team, His Excellency the Governor gave a gallant display in the slips, while the Colonial Secretary did some extremely useful work at mid-on and mid-off.

The play, for the most part, could not be described as skilful, Oxford's attack being particularly innocuous. Harold Lee, in his annual appearance on a cricket field, bowled one or two good balls and gave the impression that with a little practice, he would be distinctly useful. He fielded brilliantly throughout Cambridge's innings.

Gittins bowled with some effect and took four wickets, all with fairly decent balls, while Griffiths, after an initial over when he appeared to be aspiring to hit the back screen full toss, kept one end going fairly effectively.

MANY SIXES

Barrow and Capt. Whatman both batted very well for the Cantabs, the latter, a left-hander, hitting very hard.

They were associated in a fourth wicket stand of 95.

There was a short boundary on the Murray Parade ground side and a colossal number of sixes were hit in consequence.

Despite the fact that Cambridge had at least two acknowledged bowlers in the side in McLellan and Lloyd, the Oxonians set about

A. E. DAVIES WINS K. G. C. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

President v. Captain's Team Match

A. E. Davies beat F. A. Hill 3 and 2 over 36 holes in the final of the Kowloon Golf Club Junior Championship, on January 15. Hill took the lead at the first hole and was 4 up at the 9th. Davies however took the 14th, 15th, and 17th, to be 1 down at the 18th.

Hill retained his lead in the afternoon but cracked at the 30th. Davies going on to win by 3/2.

The players were very well matched and Davies is to be congratulated on winning the Championship in his first season at Kowloon.

The following are the starting times for the President v Captain's match on January 22.

a.m.	President.	Captain.
9.00	A. A. Lopes	v T. B. Low
9.04	W. Bastin	v E. F. Fincher
9.08	W. A. Stewart	v R. K. Collings
9.12	W. A. Ahern	v T. Lamb
9.16	F. C. Barry	v A. J. Dennis
9.20	W. C. Simpson	v T. D. Paton
9.24	A. E. Davies	v S. Jex
9.28	E. C. Fincher	v E. O. Murphy
9.32	J. G. R. Humble	v E. W. Loveless
9.36	P. B. Parks	v J. Boyd
9.40	J. Kerwin	v P. J. Bone
9.44	R. J. Wallace	v L. Jack
9.48	A. Kennedy	v W. Elliot
9.52	A. Horem	v T. Shaw
9.56	Bonner	v Greaves
	Course Stewards	E. O. Murphy and T. D. Paton

their task with vigour and Griffiths, Ride and Gittins all made runs. With Oxford two wickets in hand and 21 runs in arrears, the game was drawn.

CAMBRIDGE

J. Barrow, b Gittins	51
W. Wooding, b Gittins	5
C. M. M. Man, b Gittins	4
D. McLellan, c and b Griffiths	33
Capt. A. B. Whatman, b Lee	62
J. P. Whitham, c and b Griffiths	7
N. D. Lloyd, c Hawkins, b Gittins	4
H. D'Arey-Evans, not out	1
H. G. Wallington, not out	3
Extras (B1)	1
Total (for 7 wkts. dec.)	171
J. Hall and R. E. Lindsell did not bat.	
Bowling Analysis	
O. M. R. W.	
H. Lee	11 2 34 1
Gittins	13 2 55 4
Griffiths	11 1 40 2
Hawkins	5 0 26 0
Goodban	2 0 15 0
Falls of Wickets:—1 for 8 (Wooding), 2 for 16 (Man), 3 for 61 (McLellan), 4 for 156 (Whatman), 5 for 162 (Barrow), 6 for 166 (Lloyd), 7 for 168 (Whitham).	

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Total (for 7 wkts.) 150

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**World Affairs
And Other
London Relays**

12-12.20 p.m.—Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.
12.30 p.m.—London Piano-Accordeon Band with Les Allen (Baritone).
The White Cliffs Of Dover (Leon & Towers); Log Cabin Lullaby (Byrne & Schuster)....London Piano-Accordeon Band under the Direction of Scott Wood with Vocal Chorus.
Moon For Sale (Henderson & Rosen); Mine Alone (film 'I Live For You')....Les Allen and His Canadian Bachelors.
The Whistling Waltz (film 'Limelight'); Maid Of Brazil (Le Roy & Marsden)....London Piano-Accordeon Band under the Direction of Scott Wood with Vocal Chorus.
I'm All Alone (Feiner & May)....Les Allen & His Canadian Bachelors with Novelty Accompaniment.
There'll Never Be Another You (Woods); One Night In Monte Carlo (Sherman & Lewis)...London Piano-Accordeon Band under the Direction of Scott Wood with Vocal Chorus.
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Lucienne Boyer (Vocal) and

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Le Tango Des Filles (Delettre & Bayle)....Lucienne Boyer (Vocal) with Orchestra.
Song Of Hawaii—Waltz (Bories-Corbett); Dream Waltz (Millock)....Orchestra Mascotte.
Entrainuse (Tabet); Mon Meilleur Ami (Berthomieu-Tabet)....Lucienne Boyer (Vocal) with Orch.
Once On The Rhine—Waltz (Oztermann); Cavalier Waltz (Nedbal)....Orchestra Mascotte.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Reginald Dixon at the Organ.
Dixon Hits No. 7. Intro: Is It True what they say about Dixie?; Sweetheart let's grow old together; The touch of your Lips; Lost; Lovely Lady; The Glory of love.
Dixon Hits No. 24. Intro: How'dja

like to love me; Love walked in; Meet me down in Sunset Valley; I won't tell a soul; The sweetest song in the world; The Chocolate Soldier's daughter.
1.53 p.m.—Roy Fox & His Orchestra. Sing Something In The Morning—Fox-Trot (C. B. Cochran's Revue 'Home and Beauty'); No More—Waltz (C. B. Cochran's Revue 'Home and Beauty'); It's Got To Be Love—Fox-Trot (film 'On Your Toes'); Cowboy—Fox-Trot; Silvery Moon and Golden Sands—Fox-Trot; The Cross-Eyed Cowboy on the Cross-Eyed Horse—Fox-Trot....with Vocal Refrain.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5 p.m.—Studio—Children's Hour.
7 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.
7.02 p.m.—Selections from Light Opera.
"H.M.S. Pinafore"—Selection (Sullivan)....The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards cond. by Lieut. R. G. Evans.
"The Quaker Girl"—Vocal Gems (Monckton)....Light Opera Company with Orchestra.
"Merrie England"—Selection (Edward German)....New Symphony Orchestra cond. by Dr. Malcolm Sargent.
"The King Steps Out"—Vocal Gems (Kreisler)....Orchestra & Chorus.
7.30 p.m.—The Comedy Harmonists. Liebesleid (Marischka-Kreisler); Humoreske (Dvorak); In A Persian Market (Ketelbey)....with Piano accompaniment.
7.40 p.m.—Studio—Z.B.W. Orchestra.
9 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
9.03 p.m.—Studio—Z.B.W. Orchestra.
8.30 p.m.—London Relay — 'At The Black Dog'. Mr. Wilkes at home in his own bar-parlour. Presented by S. E. Reynolds and Pascoe Thornton.
9 p.m.—Moisevitch at the Piano. Rondo (Hummel); Hunting Song (Mendelssohn); Song Without Words—F Major (Mendelssohn); Isoldens Liebestod (Liszt).
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—World Affairs. A talk by J. L. Brierly.

O.B.E., Chichele Professor of International Law in the University of Oxford.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.50 p.m.—Military Band Music. Valse Des Alouettes (Drigo); Amoretten Tanze (Gungl); Americana (Thurban); Hobomoko—Intermezzo (Reeves)....The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.

10.10 p.m.—Stuart Robertson (Baritone). Flying High (film 'Splinters in the Air')....with Orchestra and Male Quartet.

Little Brown Jug; The Three Grows (Eastburn); The Mermaid; Polly Wolly Doodle (arr. W.H.M.)....with Piano and Chorus.

10.20 p.m.—Dance Music & Variety. Dance Orch.—Alone—Fox-Trot (film 'A Night at the Opera'); Eeny Meeny Miney Mo—Fox-Trot (film 'To Beat The Band')....Joe Venuti & His Orchestra with Vocal Chorus.

Vocal—A Little Dash of Dublin (from 'Peg of Old Drury'); Kiss Me Goodnight (Green)....Anna Neagle (Soprano) with Orch.

Dance Orch.—Moonspun Dreams—Fox-Trot; Love's Serenade—Fox-Trot....Mantovani & His Tipica Orchestra with Vocal Chorus.
Piano—Piano Medley No. R 8. Intro: Rehearsing a Lullaby; There's a Lovely Lake in London; Chasing Shadows; Lovely to look at; Red Sails in the Sunset; On the good Ship Lollipop....Charlie Kunz.

Vocal—I Was Anything But Sentimental (film 'Take my Tip'); Birdie Out Of A Cage (film 'Take my Tip')....Cicely Courtneidge and Jack Hubert (Vocal) with Orchestra.

Dance Orch.—Gypsy Violin—Slow Fox-Trot; Caramba—Tango....Mantovani & His Tipica Orch.
Orch.—Fireflowers—Tango Robert Renard Dance Orchestra.

11 p.m.—Close down.

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♦ J x x 1
♥ x x
♦ A K x x
♣ x x x

Both sides were vulnerable, and the bidding went:

Jacoby Burnstone Schenken You
1 ♠ Dbl. Pass (?)

ANSWER: Your correct bid is one spade. If in responding to a takeout double you must choose between two suits of equal length, always give preference to the major suit.

Score 100% for one spade, 70% for one diamond, 30% for two spades, 30% for two diamonds (the hand is not strong enough for a forcing response to a double), 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 7

Howard Schenken is your partner, and you hold:

♦ K Q x x x
♥ x
♦ x x x
♣ A x x

The bidding goes:

Schenken Jacoby You Major
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass

What do you bid? (Answer to-morrow).

TO-DAY'S HAND

West, Dealer North-South vulnerable

♠ Q 10 9 4
♥ 3
♦ 7 5 2
♣ K J 9 8 6

♦ K 7 2
♥ A K 9 8
♦ A J
♣ A Q 10 3

N W E S

♠ A J 8 3
♥ 10 5 2
♦ 9 6 4
♣ 7 5 4

♠ 6 5
♥ Q J 7 6 4
♦ K Q 10 8 3
♣ 2

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1 ♠	Pass	1 ♠	2 ♠
Dbl.	Pass	Pass	3 ♠
Dbl.	Pass	Pass	Pass

Of all the types of players we like to compete against the fellow who overcalls freely is our favourite. Some players never seem to learn that an overcall should never be made at the range of two unless the hand contains at least six practically solid tricks. South happened to hold a two-suiter which, with good support, might become a powerful offensive weapon. However, he was not impressed by the ominous fact that his partner could do nothing over the opposing opening one-club bid, and thus was not likely to have much.

After being doubled in two hearts, South tried the diamond suit as a rescue bid, but that also was promptly doubled. A spade was opened, East winning with the Jack and shifting to a trump. All dummy's trumps were quickly removed, so that South could obtain no ruffs. Without giving all the gruesome details, the defence managed to win four hearts tricks, two spades, a diamond and a club, for a nice 1,100-point penalty. As the final convincer of the futility of South's overcall, it is extremely doubtful whether West would have bid, and also made a game in notrump.

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HUNGARY TO RESIGN FROM THE LEAGUE

Berlin, To-day.
Official circles are highly pleased with the outcome of the German-Hungarian conferences.

It is stated in informed circles that Count Csaky informed the Reich Government of Hungary's impending resignation from the League of Nations. The new statute regulating the rights of the German minority in Hungary was agreed upon.

According to this agreement, the Hungarian Government will pass a law guaranteeing the political, cultural and economic rights of the 600,000 Germans living in the country. There is a possibility of the Germans being given some kind of direct representation in the Hungarian Government. — Trans-Ocean.

GERMANY'S LABOUR SHORTAGE

Berlin, To-day.
Almost one and a half million foreign workers are engaged in Germany as result of the labour shortage, states Dr. Friedrich Syrup, of the Ministry of Labour in the January number of the magazine, "The Four Year Plan."

Dr. Syrup also announces that discontinuation of employment at

BARCELONA PREPARING FOR THE WORST

Burgos, To-day.
The Nationalists are circulating reports of arrangements by the Barcelona Government for evacuation of Government officials and part of the population.

It is stated that the French authorities have received a request for accommodation for 30,000 refugees, and other circles state that the Premier, Dr. Negrin, has engaged a warship for the evacuation of the Government and its archives in the event that the situation becomes more serious.

It is generally believed that if fighting reaches the outskirts of the town, Dr. Negrin, and the Foreign Minister, del Vayo, will take charge of the defence of the city, while other members of the Government will be sent to Valencia. — Trans-Ocean.

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